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PORTRAITS FROM THE CLASS OF 2005

Albany High senior is Stanford-bound

Determination took Candace Jones past academic obstacles; hard work earned her a 4-year scholarship.

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — Before Christian Harris was born, Albany High School senior Candace Jones wondered whether her half-brother would tap at her door distracting her while she was trying to study.

So far he hasn't. Now 13 years old, he has brought new life to Candace's life, and has remained the bubbly yet hard-working 17-year-old that it's OK to take a break now and then. "I think he's taught me not to take life too seriously," said Candace, with a characteristic smile. "You can take a break from saving the world, and he forces me to do that."

NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Council extends marijuana moratorium

At its Monday meeting, the City Council unanimously extended a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries to May 2, 2006. The moratorium will give the city time to craft regulations for whether such facilities can operate, and if so, where and how.

In response to several requests to open such a facility, the City Council approved a 45-day urgency moratorium at its May 2 meeting. On Monday, it voted 4-0 to extend the moratorium by 10 months and 15 days. Vice Mayor Allan Maris was absent.

— Alan Lopez

Albany film night summer series begins

Watch "Raiders of the Lost Ark" outdoors at Memorial Park on June 18 as part of the Albany film night summer series. The event costs nothing to attend, though organizers are accepting donations.

The series will continue on July 16 with the film "To Kill a Mockingbird" and Aug. 13 with "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial." The films will all screen at dusk.

Organizers are encouraging residents to dress warmly and bring blankets or sleeping bags. For more information, go online at www.albanyfilm.bloki.com or e-mail albanyfilm@google.com.

— Alan Lopez

Arts committee seeking submissions

The city's arts committee is looking for submissions of photos, drawings or paintings depicting a location, view or landscape in Albany. The committee will choose winning images for fine-art postcards that local merchants will sell.

Artists, either professional or amateur, should submit up to five prints or slides by July 1 with a \$10 entry fee to the Images of Albany Contest, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany 94706. Artists should include a street address, phone number and e-mail address. The committee will notify winners after July 11. Proceeds will benefit city art and culture projects. For more information, call 510-559-7218.

— Alan Lopez

First Dog Jog scheduled for July 4

The city is inviting residents to bring their dogs for a non-competitive one- or two-mile walk or jog along the Ohlone Greenway on July 4. A dog-agility demonstration and photo opportunities will follow the event, dubbed the first Albany Dog Jog. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. followed by the event at 8:30 a.m. Register for \$8 by July 1 or \$10 the day of the event. Participants will receive a goodie bag. For applications and more information, call 510-524-9283.

— Alan Lopez

Mental Health Department seeks input

Serving Berkeley and Albany residents, the Berkeley Mental Health Department will seek public input at three meetings about how to expand its services.

The meetings will be held in Berkeley on June 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.; on June 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry, 2398 Bancroft Way; and in Albany on June 28 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Albany High School Little Theater, 603 Key Route Blvd.

The passage by California voters of Prop. 63 last November is allowing the health department to expand, said Ericka Leer, a social worker with Berkeley Mental Health. The Mental Health Services Act, which went into effect in January, places a 1 percent tax on incomes of more than \$1 million and uses the additional money for state mental health services.

The Berkeley Mental Health Department may receive as much as \$1 million annually, said Leer, though the money may not go that far because the need is so great. The health department is seeking input on how to use the new money as well as finding residents who are interested in participating on a focus group or steering committee. For more information, call Leer at 510-981-5222.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

School district OKs remodel of library

By fall, Castro Elementary School will open a new library to replace the one gutted by a spring fire. School staff and West Contra Costa district administrators agreed last week to remodel Room 11 into a new library, said Bill Savidge, district engineering officer.

Police are still investigating the suspicious April 23 fire, which damaged about 7,000 books and several computers and burned out the basement-level room.

Donations that poured in from across the Bay Area will help restore the collection. The school has received nearly \$20,000, said principal Galen Murphy, including a \$5,000 donation from Wells Fargo.

Meanwhile, West Contra Costa district police have posted a \$3,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people who started the fire. For more information, call 510-620-2015.

— Shirley Dang, Tom Lochner

Church event to honor local fathers

An event celebrating and honoring local fathers will be held at the St. Peter C.M.E. Church on June 18 at 5 p.m. Three speakers will reflect on how fatherhood has changed their lives and helped their community. Civic leaders, including Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, are scheduled to attend.

St. Peter Church will also have a Father's Day presentation on June 19 at 11 a.m. The weekend's theme is "Will All Our Fathers Please Stand Up!"

Located at 5324 Cypress Ave., the church is also seeking donations for the event, in the form of advertisements and sponsorships. For more information, call 510-233-5559.

— Alan Lopez

Kensington

Committee to discuss events ordinance

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Committee will discuss a revised county events ordinance at 7 p.m. June 22 at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

Drafted by Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, the ordinance may allow Coventry Road resident Danny Scher to legally hold several fund-raising concerts a year in his 300-seat backyard amphitheater.

Kensington committee chair Ray Barraza said he expected the county to release a revised draft of the ordinance a week before the meeting.

When he receives it, Barraza said he will place the ordinance online at www.aboutkensington.com

"I'm sort of hopeful that new draft will be more in tune with the residential neighborhoods, but we'll wait and see," he said.

— Alan Lopez

Misc.

Median home value in EC hits \$680,000

The median home value in El Cerrito reached \$680,000 in April, an increase of 27 percent over the same month in 2004, according to real estate information firm DataQuick Information Systems Inc. DataQuick reported that 33 single-family homes and condominiums changed hands in the month.

In Albany, the median price — at which half the homes sold for more and half for less — rose to \$580,000 in April, up 7 percent over April 2004. According to DataQuick, 22 units were sold in April. No data was available for Kensington.

DataQuick compiles transaction data from county records.

— Craig Lazzetti

One suspect caught, one sought in robbery spree

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Police arrested one man and are looking for another following a series of armed robberies Tuesday at two gas stations and a fast food restaurant in El Cerrito and Albany.

Police say the crime spree started at 6:52 p.m., when two masked and armed men robbed the Albany Hill gas station in Albany at 800 San Pablo Ave.

They then drove to Burger King at Central and San Pablo

avenues in El Cerrito, where they ordered customers to the ground and forced employees to a back room at gunpoint, police said.

Following that, the robbers allegedly walked next door to a Union 76 gas station, robbing the cashier at gunpoint and ordering a customer to the ground — a style of robbery police call "takeover."

"This is probably one of the most aggressive strings of takeover robberies I've seen," said El Cerrito Police Sgt. Shawn

Maples. "You never see someone do a takeover and then walk next door and do the business next door."

The two men were allegedly preparing to rob a Union 76 gas station at Imperial Avenue and Carlson Boulevard in Richmond, but ran from their stolen white Ford Mustang after an El Cerrito police officer spotted them.

After surrounding the area, police said, 20-year-old El Cerrito resident Joseph Mahan gave himself up but another man

escaped. Police recovered stolen cash.

Police believe the two men committed a similar robbery at Pinole Burger King on a recent night and a Rodeo Safeway on Saturday with a firearm, police said.

Anyons with information about the second man should contact El Cerrito Police Det. Mahan at 510-215-4422 or provide an anonymous tip to West Coast Crime Stoppers at 8255.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, May 31

■ TOYOTA STOLEN — A silver 1987 Toyota SW was stolen from the 700 block of Evelyn Avenue overnight.

■ ACURA STOLEN — During the evening officers were flagged down while at Golden Gate Fields in the 1000 block of Eastshore regarding a stolen black 2004 Acura.

■ DISORDERLY CONDUCT — At about 6:30 p.m. officers responded to the 700 block of Madison Street on reports that someone was trying to break out the windows of the front door of a residence. Officers arrested a 34-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ ASSAULT WITH A SLEEPING BAG — A Berkeley man reported he had been assaulted by a tall man wearing a white T-shirt while at a laundry near Solano and Talbot Avenues. The attacker yelled at him and then followed him into the laundry and hit him with a sleeping bag. The attacker was last seen riding a bike north on Talbot Avenue.

Wednesday, June 1

■ LICENSE PLATE STOLEN — During the night someone stole the rear license plate off a silver 2001 Honda Odyssey parked at 555 Pierce St. .

■ TOYOTA RECOVERED — Officers recovered a blue 1991 Toyota Camry in the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue that had been reported as stolen from Berkeley.

■ NISSAN RECOVERED — Officers located a silver Nissan in the 700 block of Solano Ave. that had been stolen from Richmond. The owner was notified and the car towed.

■ OUTSTANDING WARRANTS — At about 11:30 p.m. officers arrested a 39-year-old Oakland man near Buchanan Avenue and Polk Street for outstanding warrants for DUI, grand theft auto and forgery. He was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

Thursday, June 2

■ VANDALISM — A resident in an apartment building in the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported a girl had kicked the glass door that leads into the complex, breaking it.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Friday, May 13

■ BIKE FOUND — With the help of a friend, a boy recovered his bicycle near the Albany Bowl at around 6:15 p.m. after a 16-year-old male allegedly took it from El Cerrito Plaza. The suspect got away but later turned himself in to police. Police booked the suspect on a charge of grand theft and forwarded the case to the Juvenile Probation Department.

Monday, May 23

■ CAR VANDALIZED — A 1991 Honda Voyager in the 800 block of Contra Costa Drive was ransacked between May 23 and June 1.

Friday, May 27

■ BURGLARY — Someone took cash from a business in the 10400 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 6:15 p.m. on May 27 and 11:30 a.m. on May 31. The business was entered by forcing open a lock in back.

Tuesday, May 31

■ CIVIC STOLEN — A 1991 Honda Civic was taken from the 7100 block of Lincoln Avenue sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

■ ACURA TAKEN — A 2000 Acura Integra was taken from the 5300 block of Rosalind Avenue sometime between 5 p.m. on May 31 and 7:35 a.m. the next day.

Wednesday, June 1

■ I-POD STOLEN — It was reported to police that two juveniles and an adult between 15 and 18 years old took a victim's I-Pod near 7-Eleven in

the 7000 block of Stockton Avenue at 2 p.m.

■ HONDA RECOVERED — Richmond police recovered a 2005 Honda Civic at South 47th Street and Cypress Avenue in that city after the vehicle was taken from the 1000 block of Liberty Street between 8 p.m. on June 1 and 8:30 a.m. the next day.

■ HOME BREAK-IN — Someone ransacked a home in the 1400 block of Vista Road and took computer equipment between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Entry was through an unlocked garage door, police said.

Thursday, June 2

■ AUTO BREAK-IN — A burglar took a vehicle registration and cash from a car in the 5300 block of School Street after unsuccessfully attempting to steal the vehicle at 10:25 p.m.

■ CIVIC STOLEN — A 1998 Honda Civic was taken from the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue at 12:45 p.m.

■ CAR RECOVERED — A car reported stolen May 27 was recovered in the 2000 block of Harper Street.

Friday, June 3

■ BURGLARY — Someone took cash from a business in the 11800 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 5:50 p.m. on June 3 and 7:30 a.m. the next day. The business was entered through an open door, police said.

■ HONDA STOLEN — A 1996 Honda Accord was taken from the 7300 block of Stockton Avenue between 11 p.m. on June 3 and 7 a.m. the next day. It was the second time in a week the car had been stolen, police said.

Monday, June 6

■ SUSPECT ARRESTED — Police arrested a suspect after a student reported that someone known to him took his wallet by force at El Cerrito High School at 12:20 p.m.

■ PURSE STOLEN — Two men knocked a woman from behind and grabbed her purse as she walked on the 2000 block of Junction Avenue at 5:10 p.m.

■ BURGLARY — Cash and electronic items were taken from a home on the 3000 block of Carson Street between 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Entry was gained by cutting through an unlocked window.

■ CAR STEREO STOLEN — A dash stereo of a 1998 BMW was taken from the 500 block of El Cerrito Street between 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Entry was gained by smashing the car's right rear window.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Time to seek compromise

The term NIMBY ("Not in My Backyard") usually refers to residents who don't want to see chemical plants, landfills or homeless shelters near their homes. In Kensington these days, it refers to benefit concerts featuring the likes of Jackson Browne and Bonnie Raitt.

Former music promoter Danny Scher has raised a ruckus with some of his neighbors on Coventry Road by occasionally holding concerts in his outdoor amphitheater to raise money for charitable (and sometimes political) causes. Residents have complained about the noise and disruption caused by the events, and claim they are inappropriate for a residential neighborhood. Scher has also run afoul of the county for failing to obtain the proper permits for the concerts, racking up \$800 in fines he has refused to pay.

Opponents of the concerts won a victory last week when a June 18 event featuring pop singer Jackson Browne was moved to a restaurant in Berkeley. The concert will help send low-income children to a Mendocino summer camp. While Scher's amphitheater can seat up to 300 people, attendance at the restaurant will be limited to 150, reducing the potential windfall.

Scher should not be excused from complying with county regulations in holding such events, however worthwhile they are. But the larger issue is whether his neighbors are right in trying to prevent him from staging these fund-raisers at all. We believe the answer is no.

It is difficult to imagine how holding a handful of concerts a year impinges on the quality of life of those living near Scher. It is even harder to buy the argument that these rare events are hurting property values (we'd like to see how much the median value of a home on Coventry Road has increased since Scher began holding his concerts). At most, what Scher is doing on his own property is causing a bit of an annoyance or inconvenience for some of his neighbors three or four days out of the year. Raucous backyard barbecues can have a similar result, but you rarely see organized efforts to ban them.

County Supervisor John Gioia has offered a reasonable solution to the dispute with a county ordinance proposal that would allow up to four concerts a year in a residential setting such as Scher's. Two of the concerts would be limited to no more than 300 people, and the other two would be limited to 200. No more than two concerts could be held in any 45-day period. The county's planning staff is currently reviewing the proposal and will likely modify it before it goes before the Board of Supervisors next month.

Unfortunately, Gioia's proposal has drawn opposition from some of Scher's neighbors who seem intent on seeing these concerts go away for good. This is a situation that begs for compromise. It would be one thing if Scher were trying to hold window-rattling events each week for the sole purpose of supporting the Democratic Party. But that's clearly not the case. These residents may savor the peace and quiet their Kensington neighborhood offers, but we believe that giving it up for a few hours a year is a price well worth paying to help the disadvantaged. We hope the Board of Supervisors agrees.

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SUMMER'S ALMOST HERE

Mr. McFelligan. I know you are anticipating summer. However do not bring your surfboard to class again.



HANSEN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Guide your children from an early age

Every time I see something about school violence in the news, I think of Billy Gordon.

Billy was the best principal I ever worked for, and everything I've learned about student violence during my 45 years as a parent and 48 years as a teacher, he summed up in two sentences. He'd remind us every year at the first teachers' meeting: "Children will do exactly what you let them do. If you let them take over the classroom, they'll take over the classroom."

He was right. Children explore and are curious and, therefore, must have guidance. They must have clear limits set for them by the parent before they start school.

Children are most impressionable during the first two years of life. This is when basic attitudes are acquired, when a child begins to develop a sense of self, social skills and an understanding of right and wrong.

If parents fail to guide their children during this critical stage of life, the twig is bent, and there is little a school can do to make up for it.

That's why, when I hear parents ask what the schools can do to stop the student violence, I think of Ross Perot. He summed it up in one sentence: "If you want to know what the problem is, go home and look in the mirror."

James Ritz
El Cerrito

Change the name of Harding School

Now that the students, parents, teachers and staff members of Jefferson School in Berkeley have voted to change the name of their school to Sequoia, I would like to suggest that the community of Harding School in El Cerrito likewise change its name. A new building will be dedicated this fall, so the time for a name change is ideal.

Why should the new school be saddled with the name of one of the most corrupt, unrespectable and incompetent presidents in U.S. history? This isn't simply a case of "political correctness" run wild; I think most historians would deem Warren G. Harding unworthy of being memorialized.

One wonders why the school was so named in the first place — but, of course, in those days El Cerrito itself was pretty wild and disreputable, so I guess it was fitting at that time.

I don't care what new name is chosen, as long as it doesn't have such negative associations as Harding. Perhaps the new name could reflect an early prominent family of El Cerrito, or a highly respected resident, or some other historical figure. (For example, I'm rather fond of Paul Revere.)

When I made this suggestion to West Contra Costa school district Superintendent Gloria Johnston, she informed me that the name change has to come from the present Harding School community

— the PTA, teachers, students, and staff members. Unfortunately, I do not know anyone there, but if other Journal readers do, perhaps someone can get the ball rolling.

Barbara Hill
El Cerrito

Incompetent or what?

Recently, I wanted to send a letter to Rep. Ellen Tauscher on the computer. Her Web page requires that we provide not only our ZIP code but also the four-digit suffix of the ZIP code.

It helpfully suggested that we could look this up on the computer, but I was on my way to the post office anyway to turn in a stop-mail form, which also required the four-digit suffix.

Not only did the post office not have the four-digit suffix, it did not have a book that gave it. It helpfully suggested that I walk a block and a half to the other post office; the supervisor, it assured me, would have access to the four-digit suffix. She did not. The book she had, the very latest, she told me, went from El Centro to El Cerrito.

When I got home, I found some mail addressed to me with the four-digit suffix.

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

Albany's waterfront

I have a vision for the Albany portion of the Eastshore State Park. It involves completion of the Bay Trail, restoration of wetlands, park areas for viewing the Bay and limited development, including a restaurant for enjoyment of the Bay views.

Most of our waterfront is the privately owned racetrack, owned by Magna Corp. The current owner has indicated no interest in leaving, even though revenues have declined over the years. It now has a contract for potential development of the property with Caruso Affiliated, which is willing to meet with any group in the community for discussion and input.

It is important to note, however, that to date Caruso has not put forward a plan. Any plan with retail development not wa-

ter related would necessitate passage by Albany voters, as mandated by Measure

The Albany Waterfront Coalition (AWC), a local group of which I am a member, has formulated a concept for development that fulfills my vision. It is comparable in total developable area to that in the Sierra Club/Citizens for East Shore Parks (CESP) plan.

The AWC concept locates development on stable land that is now covered with asphalt, whereas the Sierra Club/CESP plan locates development near the freeway, in the middle of the existing trail. This would incur greater expense and lay.

Waiting for Magna to sell the property and waiting for local, regional or state agencies to purchase, develop and maintain such a large piece of property could be far in the future, or never. To me, the AWC plan makes far more sense.

Haruko Nagai

A romping good show

So much merriment in such a small town.

Electrifying talent. Wowie, zowie, the fun was fun! I am referring to Albany's Spring Arts and Music Fest held on May 12 at Memorial Park and inside the Little Theatre.

Babies bouncing, toddlers twirling, kids connecting, grown-ups grinning, frolicking on a sunny afternoon of acting, music, dancing, singing, poetry and film.

If you missed it, take heart. The festival will be repeated annually.

A sea of head-nodding, toe-tapping hand-clapping folks were moved by Rhythm Bound, Albany High School Jazz Quartet, West African Dance, Poipu Cuban music group, the Funky Nomads and so much more.

Paintings, prints, photography and film showcased Albany's visual talents.

Artist of the Year Award was presented to Albany's music teacher, Joan Scicchitano.

The Albany Arts Committee's annual fund-raiser, "Images of Albany," was successfully launched with reproduction of a Kanna Aoki oil painting, "Burgeon Pot," in the form of glossy postcard-size purchase.

Streaming bouquets of gratitude deserved all around. The Albany Community Foundation, Albany Arts Committee, and the Albany Park and Recreation Department created an inspiring community-building inaugural event.

Thank you — and encore!

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Valerie Chou

People can find humor in trying times



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

Quote of the week:
"At the end Vera saw Anne looking seriously at her.
'So serious after such a terrible thing?' she asked.
'I'm thinking how funny it is to be happy at a time like this.'
But better time is there to be happy? He looked at her and knew the truth."
— From the "Last Butterflies" by Michael Jacob, after Anne performs for Jewish children in a concentration camp quoted in "Laughter in

RECENTLY read a collection of stories called "When Schlemiel Went to Warsaw and Other Stories" by Isaac Bashevis Singer. It is a combination of stories written by Singer and stories he remembered being told. True to my recent reading habits, this is a children's book — in fact, it is a Children's Honor book. But it is also many children's books well worth reading for this.

The stories are humorous, and some of them really made me laugh. My favorite is "Edward Tidie and Lyzer the Golem" in which Lyzer's greed got him dearly. These stories reminded me of a workshop on humor I attended several years ago. In the course of that day, authors and storytellers discussed the use of humor and tried to analyze what makes something funny. This is a challenging task, because there are so many kinds

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Contra Costa County library branches.

Beginning today, children may pick up a reading record, which features magical castles, unicorns and dragons. Participants keep track of time spent reading or being read to, marking off time in 20-minute increments as they follow a path to a wizard's tower.

One-third of the way to the tower, each child receives a pass for a free visit to the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley. Two thirds of the way to the tower, each child receives a coupon for a free visit to the Chabot Space Center and a coupon for a free Carl's Jr. hamburger or salad.

Upon completion, each child will receive a light-up wizard wand and a coupon for a free Round Table personal pizza.

The program, which runs through Aug. 20, is available to children of all ages. Children who do not read yet may be read to. There is no age limit.

County libraries also will be offering a variety of free programs and events for children throughout the summer.

For more information call your local branch library directly or visit www.ccclib.org.

"Dragon," a funny free puppet show about a dragon with a problem, will be presented in El Cerrito at 11 a.m. Saturday by P&T Puppets.

Readers Anonymous, the El Cerrito Library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the checkout desk.

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— Dora Scardina

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ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

GRAD TICKETS: Grad Night tickets are still on sale. Forms are available in the office. Return the ticket order form, waiver and a check for \$60 payable to Piera Cirillo to the box in the office. If you have already purchased a ticket, please check the list and make sure your name is listed. For information, contact Edna Shiple, whose phone number is on the list.

CAR WASH: A car wash on Saturday will benefit the varsity and JV football teams. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the school. Cost is \$5 per car. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any member of either team. Drive-up business is welcome.

Albany Middle School

BOOK DRIVE: Ms. Uyeda and the Leadership team were able to deliver more than 1,000 books to Castro Elementary School in El Cerrito, which had lost its entire school library in a fire in April. Special thanks to Leadership rep Julie Pirkle for counting books and making announcements.

SAFETY: In the wake of an accident last week (the student was not seriously injured), parents are reminded to drop children off at the curb and instruct them to walk to the crosswalk rather than cross in the middle of the street. Crossing Brighton in mid-block is extremely dangerous.

SCHEDULE: Next week: special schedule for the week. Dismissal at 1:15 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). Yearbooks will be distributed and yearbook pictures handed out at fifth period. Students must have cleared all bills in order to receive yearbook. Tuesday: promotion exercise practice. Eighth-graders will meet in the gym after lunch and walk to the Albany High School gym. Dismissal will be at 2 p.m. June 15: awards ceremony and promotion ceremony. Awards ceremony at 10:15 a.m. in the AMS gym. Eighth graders will be dismissed to go home at about 11:30 a.m.. Eighth-graders line up outside the AMS gym no later than 4:15 p.m. for graduation.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

Portola Middle School

ORCHESTRA OPENINGS: There is an opportunity for the Portola strings players to play in the Prospect-Sierra orchestra next year. The orchestra needs players and welcomes anyone from Portola who would like to join. The orchestra is once a week on Friday mornings, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Contact Sara Van Dette at sara@vandette.com

— Craig Lazzaretti

El Cerrito High School

GRADUATION: In a break from tradition, grad night will be held this year at the Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. The event had to move to accommodate the demolition of the gym in preparation for a new campus, said parent Ellie Mishima. The event, intended to provide students a safe and sober graduation night, will include music, dancing, karaoke, games, food and more. Admission is \$45.

— Alan Lopez

West County schools

FREE MEALS: To ensure no child goes hungry this summer, the West Contra Costa School District provides free or reduced-price meals (breakfast, lunch, snacks) to children age 1 to 18 beginning Monday. Meals are served at 50 locations, which include schools, playgrounds and community centers. Heidi Camorongan, director of the district's Food Services Department, said, "Kids who get enough to eat and have safe activities to participate in during the summer are less likely to get into trouble." The Summer Food Service Program, which combines nutritious meal time with recreational and educational activities, is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Most sites run Monday to Friday until Aug. 12. www.wccusd.k12.ca.us or 510-234-7897.

— Dora Scardina



SUSAN TRIPP POLLARD/STAFF

Best foot forward

FIRST-GRADERS Lia Prindle, left, 6, and Eriane Prince, 7, compete in the three-legged race during the first Harding Olympics fundraiser held last Friday at Harding Elementary School in El Cerrito.

and-ball game and other activities. Parents are welcome to stay and have fun with their children.

FUND-RAISERS: In descending order, the top PTA fund-raisers this year were the walk-a-thon, selling raffle tickets, asking for donations, selling products like bulbs, the craft fair and the talent show.

Education Funders

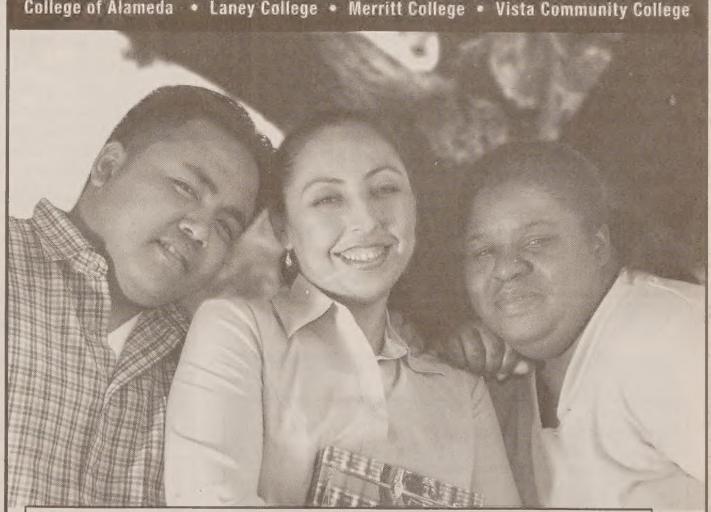
CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED: \$50,000 more is needed for the school year that starts in September, just to maintain this year's \$300,000 level of support from SchoolCARE for Albany education. Mail your contribution to SchoolCARE, 1563 Solano Ave., Box 537, Albany, CA 94707. Details: www.albany-schoolcare.org or Sue Mellers at 510-524-3700.

Cornell Elementary School

RAFFLE HELP: For next year's raffle, help is needed for researching and putting together a grand prize, getting additional prize donations from local stores/businesses for kids who sell tickets, organizing a Solano Stroll ticket booth, and, in the fall, for publicity, organizing Safeway tables, and making sure ice cream sales are happening so kids get that initial reward. Volunteers should call 510-559-6393.

Ocean View Elementary

FIELD DAY: Field Day is Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m. and features a balloon toss, relay races, parachute



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Camp staff are experienced, enthusiastic, trained in basic first aid and are CPR certified. Campers participate in activities that include swimming, children's theatre, music, arts and crafts, hiking, environmental education and much more! 5 themed week long sessions run from June 27th to July 29th and include weekly field trips! Discounted rates and scholarships are available! It is the perfect program for busy parents.

Campers can be dropped off as early as 7 am and picked up as late as 6 pm. Please contact Susan Eggett, Camp Director at (510) 436-1549 for more information.



Rascob Learning Institute

Rascob Learning Institute offers multiple programs for students of all ages with language based learning disabilities. Individualized, multi sensory, explicit instruction is used to remediate academic weakness, while building on the strengths and talents of each learner. The Day School is a co-educational 2-9 (through grade 12 by 2008). Additional support services are available from onsite speech and language, occupational therapy and psychological professionals. The Clinic program offers private and small group educational therapy on a 30 session per semester basis. In addition, we plan to reestablish our Diagnostic Testing program, in late 2005, offering full psycho educational evaluations.

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Currently our 290 students come from eleven cities and represent 45% students and families of varying ethnic communities and 55% from European descent families. The application process continues through mid-January when you are able to learn about the school through Open Houses, tours and receptions. For more information, please visit our website at www.rdschool.org or call Shoba Balasubramanian at 510. 534.0804 ext. 224.

Walden Center And School

Walden is an Arts-based progressive, teacher-run school. Our curriculum combines developmentally appropriate and challenging units of study. The school's environment reflects the child's academic, emotional, social, creative and physical needs and educators founded Walden Center & School in 1995. The learning environment that treats artistic expression as an integral part of every child's academic experience.

The Walden staff supports experiential learning, creativity and appreciation of personal expression with a focus on community. Children and adults at Walden value the racial and economic diversity of the East Bay within the School's and multicultural learning environment.

We invite interested parents to attend our Information Session to learn more about the school, its origins and philosophy.

Walden Center and School is located at 2446 Mission Street, Berkeley, CA 94703. Please call today for more information at 510. 724.8. We are still accepting applications for Fall '05.

The Academy

The Academy is an independent, co-educational school for Kindergarten through Eighth grades. The school offers an accelerated academic program in a warm family atmosphere where students are well motivated & eager to learn.

While the curriculum is traditional & academic, it also offers opportunities for creative experience & expression. It is our philosophy that only upon knowledge can creative potential & self-expression more fully developed.

The Academy offers summer programs of academic enrichment. Morning academic classes focus on improving students' skills as well as helping students gain confidence & independence in areas. Afternoon recreation classes are a variety of fun activities such as ceramics, swimming, science, & Friday field trips! We offer services as well as a morning program for children starting the Fall.

The school is ethnically, culturally, & socio-economically diverse and is celebrated in the daily life of the school as students cross the boundaries of age, gender & background.

Please check our web site at theacademy-k-8.com. Please call for more information & to schedule a tour. Summer programs are now available! (510) 549-0605

Aurora Schools

Aurora School is a leader among Bay Area elementary schools, recognized for its excellence in curriculum, teaching strategy and community involvement. Aurora students are lifelong learners with the strength and skills to succeed in a future full of change and challenge.

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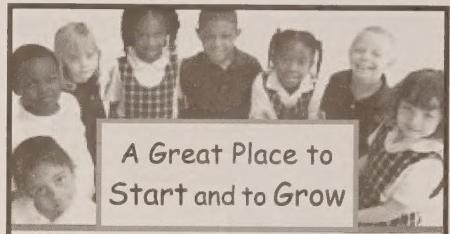
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Children

Albany Karate for Kids: Test Day is June 11 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Stop by and watch the popular and fun, non-aggressive karate class taught by a female instructor. Class is 9-10:30 a.m.; karate test held afterwards. Free. www.albanykarateforkids.com or 510-847-2400.

Habitot Children's Museum, 2065 Kirttredge St., Berkeley, presents: Car Seat Check 10 a.m.-12 p.m. **June 18,** 2005. Berkeley Police Department will check installation on your child's car seat at UC Garage, Addison at Oxford Streets. www.habitot.org or 510-647-1111.

Stage Door Conservatory presents summer musical theater classes for youths with start dates **June 20** through **Aug. 1** at Epworth Community Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., North Berkeley. www.stagedoorconservatory.org or 510-525-6250.

Animal Origami with Mitsuko Yoneyama, for kids 4 and up, to celebrate the Grand Opening of RabbitEars Pet Supply and Services is 3-4 p.m. June 25 at 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free. 510-525-6155.

Meet the Bunnies! Come meet prospective bunnies, arrange a play date with a new bunny and your family, or introduce your own bunny to a new friend. Find answers to all of your bunny questions. Make a bunny toy to take home with you. Event is 3-4 p.m. June 25 at RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free. 510-525-6155.

Black Repertory Group Youth Department's Summer Day Camp is through August for this summer's production of "The Wizard" at 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertorygroup.com.

Boy Scout meetings — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5-6:30 p.m. on Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by the Lion's Club. Brian at 510-231-0403.

Check out books from Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 510-848-0237.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theater classes and seminars for children, youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. 510-524-9132 or visit www.cct.org.

El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 3½ years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. Program meets 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. 510-215-4371.

Community

35th annual Live Oak Park Fair is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. June 11, 12 at Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Fair showcases 120 booths of original arts and crafts, live jazz presented by Berkeley's Jazz Band.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, presents the following free activities: June is Lesbian and Gay Pride Month at the North Berkeley Senior Center; A video by John Symons: *Beauty Before Age* "Growing Old in Gay Culture" shows 1 p.m. June 16. Also: discussion with at-

and delicious freshly made foods. Free shuttle from North Berkeley BART station will run every 20 minutes. 510-898-3282 or www.liveoakparkfair.com.

Hopalong Animal Rescue presents the following pet adoption events in Berkeley: Cats available 12-3 p.m. **June 12** at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave. — Dogs available 12-3 p.m. **June 11** at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave. 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot (All Night Study) is 7 p.m. **June 12** at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Experience the essence of Shavuot, giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, in a community-wide, dusk to dawn night of learning with rabbis and scholars, whose backgrounds range from Orthodox to secular. Free. For schedule of teachers and sessions: www.bjcc.org.

Great War Society holds its monthly meeting 10:30 a.m. **June 12** at 1409 Arlington Ave., Berkeley. Topic: "The Air War in Mesopotamia" by Noel Shirley. 510-527-7118.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, presents: Community-Wide Tikkun Leyl Shavuot June 12-13 8 p.m.-7 a.m. Learn both Torah and current events with instructors. Free. Multicultural Shavuot Festival is 1 p.m. **June 19**. Free. — Philip Roth Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. **June 20**, facilitated by Laura Bernell. Fee: 10 per session, registration required. — Tribute to Lee and Dorothy Marsh and BRJCC Founders June 25, Food, fun, entertainment. 510-848-0237 or www.bjcc.org.

Buddhist Psychology — Mary Gomes speaks on "Compassionate Activism" 6 p.m. **June 12** at Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Free. 510-843-6812.

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Free Hands-on Bicycle Clinic 10:11-30 a.m. **June 19**. — Hands-on Bike Maintenance Class 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **June 12**. — Great Oyster Day Hikes and Weekend Backpacking Trips slide presentation 7 p.m. **June 28**. 510-527-4140.

Midsummer Mozart Festival's 31st season will be introduced at "Mozart in the Garden" garden party 3:30 p.m. **June 12** in private garden atop east bay hills. Party features an exclusive preview of the 2005 season, wine/champagnes, summer buffet, concert with Maestro George Cleve and Festival artists. Tickets/Information: 415-627-9141. Admission: \$50, includes autographed souvenir Festival concert CD. All proceeds benefit Festival's artistic and outreach programs.

Berkeley High School Site Council meets 4:30-6 p.m. **June 13** in school library, 2223 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. On agenda are advanced placement program, attendance, and safety and discipline. All representatives and alternates should attend, and anyone interested is welcome. bhs.berkeleyca.us/planning/landuse/Creeks/default.html

Studio Rasa presents Global Wisdom Circle, a series of meditation, dialogues, stories and ritual facilitated by spiritual teachers celebrating Buddhist, Christian, Indigenous, Islamic, Jewish and Sufi life ways. Circle is open 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at 933 Parker St., Berkeley. Series includes: Wes "Scoop" Nisker June 14; Mark Owens June 21; Avram Davis June 28. Suggested donation: \$14. 510-843-2787 or www.StudioRasa.org.

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City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force meetings are held 7:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Schedule as follows: **June 20**; **July 11, 18**; **Aug. 1, 15**; **Sept. 12, 19**; **Oct. 3, 17**; **Nov. 7, 21**; **Dec. 5**. cl.berkeley.ca.us/planning/landuse/Creeks/default.html

Books Come In All Flavors — Alameda County Library announces its fourth annual Teen Summer Reading Program June 20-Aug. 20. Teens can sign up and get their Reading Log at any of Alameda County Library's branches. Teens will use their Reading Log to keep track of hours spent reading, and will receive incentive prizes as they reach a certain numbers of hours, with those reading 50 hours receiving a free day pass to Great America. 510-745-1438.

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Fendant's absence nearly prompts bench warrant

Jean Delventhal
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A federal judge came close to issuing a bench warrant Tuesday against the Richmond man, charged with attacking a woman in November, did not appear in court.

Contra Costa Superior Court Judge Carol Brosnahan was irritated when she learned the defendant in the case, 19-year-old Mauricio Alvarez, was not in her Oakland courtroom and had not yet informed the attorney who was representing him.

Alvarez is charged with two counts of misdemeanor battery in which he is accused of punching and kicking Bruce Greenlee on an Alameda field Nov. 20 in a dispute over player credentials. Alvarez has pleaded not guilty and claims that someone else

was responsible.

At Alvarez's last court date two weeks ago, Brosnahan had ordered him to hire a lawyer and be present Tuesday.

Alvarez "needs to fish or cut bait. I told him that last time," Brosnahan told attorney Laura Robinson, who said she will meet with Alvarez for the first time today and will probably take his case. Robinson explained to the judge that she had told Alvarez that he didn't need to be in court after consulting with a court clerk Monday.

Brosnahan agreed to hold the \$10,000 bench warrant and ordered that Alvarez come to court June 16. If he fails to show up on that date, the judge could issue the warrant for his arrest.

The trial has been postponed several times since Alvarez parted ways with his attorney in April.

time to be with Candace's grandmother.

Furlow invited 5-year-old Candace to her classroom, where every Friday it opened to free discussions about controversial issues such as abortion and race relations. Far from being intimidated by the older students, Candace freely gave her opinions.

"Students said 'That little girl just keeps on talking,'" Candace recalled. "I didn't feel bad about that; I felt pretty proud because I would bring up some pretty good points."

Harris said she and Furlow also freely exchanged ideas with Candace at the dinner table.

"There's no topic we cannot discuss, and please don't always agree with me," Harris would say to her daughter. "I don't want an echo; I want Candace to be a voice, and I believe she's a voice for this generation."

At Albany High School, Can-

Moran

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It debuted last October and continued with performances this week.

The play looks at three male friends who advance from a preoccupation with girls to dealing with the grown-up reality of the Vietnam War. One friend enthusiastically supports the war and signs up to fight, another opposes the war, and another displays indifference.

While set in the 1960s, the play is an analogy for the Iraq war, but is more than that, said Michael. It's also about growing up, facing challenges and moving on.

It's something Michael knows a lot about.

In the early 1990s, when his businesses and marriage began to sour, Michael's father, Stephen Moran, started drinking a lot. The drinking hit its nadir during Michael's freshman year.

He recalled mediating disputes between his parents and

taking care of his younger sister.

The painful experience reinforced his passion for performing. Michael used it as an outlet for his emotions.

"It's a very healthy escape," he said.

But at that point, Michael was already used to personal challenges. In the third grade, he developed Legg Perthes disease, which he said disintegrated the top of his femur.

He attended school bound to a wheelchair for 18 months while letting the bone heal.

He made the best of it. He learned chess and developed an enthusiasm for wheelchair basketball.

When his friends were outside jumping rope at Madera Elementary School, they would place the rope for him on the ground and swing it around after Michael rolled over it.

Michael is still passionate about sports, though at high school he chose to focus his energies on drama and student leadership — he ran unopposed for student body president and

vice president this year.

His passions got him to Boston University, where he'll be studying drama.

"I think it opens up worlds for the audience members," Michael said. "And I think if you do it right they feel something each time."

El Cerrito High School English teacher Joan Cone treasures a copy of a script of "Two Roads" that Michael signed and gave to her. Though he excels in acting, writing and sports, Cone believes he'll be a famous playwright one day.

"He's just really one in a million," said Cone, who said she wept while watching his play.

Divorced and sober for three years, Stephen Moran said it helped that he and his wife raised Michael so well.

Michael Moran agrees and appreciates it. His father is going to pay for his college tuition, he said.

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post office and swim center, as well as three columns with up to 12 logos of service organizations. The service organizations columns would stand near the city's new civic center, if and when it's built.

The City Council, acting as the redevelopment agency, appropriated \$245,000 for the project in 2003, said redevelopment manager Lori Trevino.

The city sought input for the signs from residents; the Friends of Baxter and Cerrito creeks; the city's arts and culture commission; economic development and design review boards; and a committee appointed by city staff.

The city is planning to install the signs on San Pablo Avenue near Baxter Creek on the north side of town; at Cutting Boulevard at Peerless Avenue; at Potrero and 56th avenues; at Central Avenue and Carlson Boulevard; and on San Pablo Avenue near Wells Fargo Bank and Cerrito Creek.

Trevino said the council could choose to build fewer than five signs or phase in the project, so two are built first and the rest later.

At its Monday meeting, council members supported the idea of the signs but debated what the signs should depict.

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson said the greyhound offended her and that she would vote against it. Councilwoman Letitia Moore suggested the sign could depict a person walking a dog.

Mayor Sandi Potter and Councilwoman Jan Bridges said the walking family needed to be more diverse.

Potter said one of the symbols looked like a winged insect. The signs should be easier to recognize, she said.

Abelson said the designs were too busy-looking, though Councilman Bill Jones and Moore disagreed.

Resident Al Miller suggested the signs incorporate symbols that call attention to the city's Native American history.

Following the meeting, Trevino said more planning would be needed and no timeline has been set for construction of the signs.

"We have a lot of work to do to address the comments (at the council meeting)," Trevino said. "So this is not going to be on the fast track, I don't think."

Before the sign discussion, the council quickly and unanimously

FEE CHANGES

Effective July 1, residents will see fee changes in all city departments. They will range from a 3 percent increase in the cost to go swimming — from \$100 to \$103 for an unlimited monthly pass — to a 175 percent increase in the cost to get a permit from the police department to sell firearms — from \$77 to \$212.

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The City Council approved the increases based on recommendations from city staff. The recommendations followed a \$53,500 report on how much it costs the city to provide all of its services from Sacramento-based public sector consulting firm Maximus.

The city was subsidizing many services that could otherwise be covered through fees. The new fees will generate an additional \$622,000 annually for the city.

— Alan Lopez

approved new fees and the city's 2005-06 budget, following several meetings about both topics over the past month.

The budget includes \$700,000 for San Pablo Avenue improvements that may involve new trash cans, landscaping and banners, said Trevino. The redevelopment agency may use some of that money for the signs if it goes over budget.

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built the freeway on-ramps in 2000.

"We find that the bike and pedestrian portion of many projects often get lip service," said Pilch, who is helping to organize a local pedestrian and bicycle advocacy group called the Albany Strollers and Rollers. "But it turns out they get no input from actual pedestrians and cyclists. Such as this trail that goes along the freeway entrance and is built in a bad way and has to get repaired later. Our role is to follow things and make sure mistakes don't follow."

City Councilman Farid Javandel said the city did not build the pathway because it feared criminal activity underneath the freeway on-ramps. Those fears have since subsided.

"It turned out it was going to be much more open and visible than anyone thought," Javandel said. "The fear of a crime hazard

was significantly allayed by how visible that space is."

No timeline has been set for construction of the asphalt pathway, said Ann Chaney, the city's community development director.

The city still needs to get permission to build the path on Caltrans land.

After meeting with Caltrans officials last week, Chaney said she was confident the state agency would give the city the permission it needs.

"We all recognize that this is the better way to go," Chaney said. "It provides an alternative so that people don't have to cross the on-ramps if they do not want to."

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved the \$75,000 grant for the city. The money is coming from Measure B, a half-cent sales tax county voters approved in 2000 for \$1.4 billion worth of transit and road projects.

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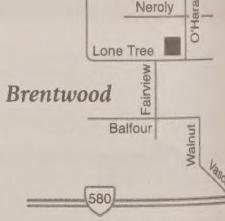
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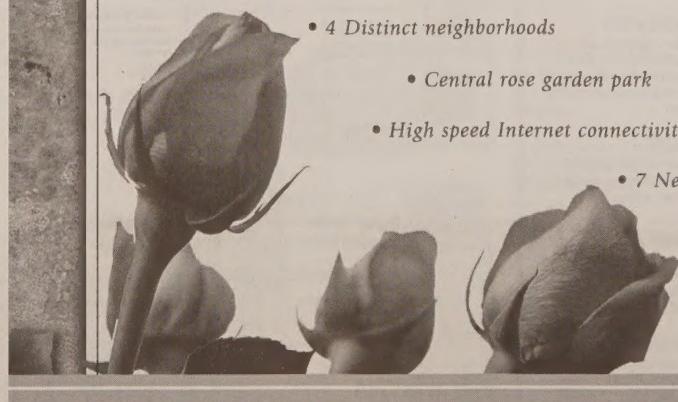


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WHAT NEWS
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In addition, suppose an agent asks for appointments, and you're returning your phone calls as soon as possible, let the agent know what kind of service you expect. If your agent isn't responsive to constructive criticism, consider an agent who will provide quality service.

A red flag is real estate jargon that means you're willing to work outside your area of expertise. This is becoming more and more often as listing Services combine together to create immense fees that can pass lower fees to member agents. This doesn't necessarily provide you with better cases, it's legal for a real agent to represent buyers anywhere within the area which they're licensed. It's the client who suffers inadequate representation if they're so far a field that they have such things as loss of practices, customs affecting real estate, geographical and point-of-sale

compliance ordinances.

One buyer who was working with an agent from San Francisco decided to buy a house in Oakland. Rather than refer the buyer to an Oakland agent, the San Francisco agent told his client that he could help him buy the home in Oakland.

Since the San Francisco agent didn't routinely work in Oakland, he didn't know how closing costs were customarily shared between the buyer and seller. He told his client that he needed to offer to split the cost of transfer taxes with the seller on a 50-50 basis.

In San Francisco, there is a city tax that is customarily paid by the seller and a county tax of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of sale price. In Oakland, there is the same county tax that is charged in San Francisco plus the city of Oakland transfer tax of \$15 per \$1,000.

The custom in Oakland is for the seller to pay all of the county transfer tax, and for the buyer and seller to split the city tax. The buyer didn't know about the hefty city tax before he made his offer, and he ended up paying half of a tax that Oakland sellers normally pay in its entirety.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: You can put yourself at a disadvantage by working with an out-of-area agent if the market is competitive. Local agents have working relationships with listing agents in the area. They know the local market works.

In some markets, listings are exposed to the market before the seller entertains offers. In other markets, some listings sell even before they're advertised on the Internet. To be a successful buyer in a high demand market, you need to work with an agent who can keep you well informed.

DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

Some agents can cover a broad territory successfully. But, in most cases, it's advisable to ask your agent to refer you to a knowledgeable agent who works in the market where you'd like to buy.

Recently, an out-of-area agent wrote an offer for buyers who had been trying to buy in the area for over six months. Their offer was the lowest of six offers. The winning offer was from buyers who were represented by a seasoned local agent who had a better idea of how high the price would go.

CLOSING: Some agents can cover a broad territory successfully. But, in most cases, it's advisable to ask your agent to refer you to a knowledgeable agent who works in the market where you'd like to buy.

Dian Hymer can be reached at 510-339-4777 or by e-mail at Dian@Dianhymer.com.

Real Estate Spotlight:

Excellent value near Claremont Hotel



SPACIOUS ROOMS WITH ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST reflect the 1915 era when E.B. Spiller designed and built 12 Alvarado Road, just a few blocks from the Claremont Hotel. Its slope lot affords generous light through long winter months. The neighborhood is most convenient. Upstairs has four bedrooms, two baths and a wonderful sunroom that wraps across the front of the house. Downstairs has a small bedroom/study and bath with its own entrance. The lower level has a large family room/office with separate entrance. The remodeled eat-in kitchen features cozy built-in window seating. French doors open to the deck and magical garden, with three water features. It's rare to find an older home with abundant space, quality and integrity, and in such fine condition.

Price: \$1,750,000.
Julie Nachtwey, Pacific Union, 510-540-8743, julienachtwey.com or www.pacificunion.com.

Ending real estate agent 'red flags'

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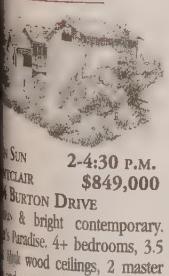


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Flooring fiasco from failure to communicate

Imagine seeing 1,000 square feet of newly installed hardwood flooring in the house you love. Now picture your disappointment when the reality is far from what you expected. Recently, this unappealing scenario almost happened to my wife, Sonia, and me. In this case, it was our vacation home.

Fortunately, before the floor was laid, we discovered a major gap in our knowledge about the process. As the title of my column says, it is what we didn't know that could have hurt us.

Hardness gauged: In doing our initial research, we had ruled out laminates and engineered floors, deciding on hardwoods. Being first-time wood flooring purchasers, we scoured various Web sites (woodfloors.org; spmesquite.com; eastflooring.com; tigerfloors.com).

Two criteria topped our list: the floor needed to be light in color and hard. Hardness is calibrated using the "Janka" rating system. By this method, wood for flooring is compared by its "side hardness," the resistance to wear, denting and marring.

From hardest to softest, spotted gum is rated 2473 and Douglas fir is 660. Among hardwoods commonly used in our area, maple is 1450; white oak is 1360 and red oak 1290. In general, the harder the wood, the higher the cost. Interestingly, white oak is not only harder, but also darker than red oak.

Grades and cuts: Grades rank the wood based on appearance, not strength or quality. The top grade is "clear," which may have minor imperfections, but is mainly

free of defects. Below it will show naturalistics such as knots, rotations. In descending order are "second" and "third."

Cuts refer to how the wood is sawn, which determines the minimum size of the boards. We decided to have the floor sanded to the bare wood.

Unfinished wood is the most economical choice. We decided to have the floor sanded to the bare wood.

Delivery and installation: We decided to have the floor sanded to the bare wood.

Lucky that, Francis, a good friend, is a man and agreed to install the floor. We had reviewed all the details and were satisfied with our contractor.

See DUNNING on page 2A

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Being upfront about home sale is important, beneficial

for example, at the time he agrees to buy the house, that the roof leaks, and is informed of the fact after the contract is signed, he can simply walk away.

Legally, the seller must complete and provide to the buyer quite a large number of disclosures covering various subjects such as slides and earthquakes, lead and asbestos, and others. The main disclosure form, titled Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement, is a two-page form that all California sellers must complete.

On the first page, sellers check off what equipment and features the house includes — rain gutters, dishwasher, sump pump, exhaust fans, and the like. The form continues with yes/no questions about the condition of the house and neighborhood. Any "yes" answers must be explained.

There are always "yes" answers, and typically, our sellers write their answers in an addendum, as well as provide other information about the

house. They usually say how long they have owned the house, and frequently include happy thoughts about the house and the area — what they like about living there.

They usually include a description of work that has been done to the house during their tenure (new systems and appliances, room additions) and what years this work was done. And they list anything about the house that is in disrepair or nonfunctional.

And I have made up a list of questions to prompt sellers to remember information. Not all answers are legally required, but as we talk about these things, we can better advise our sellers about what to include in their written disclosures.

We begin by asking about the main systems of the house: roof, electrical, plumbing, drainage, furnace. Are they new or old? Working OK?

Sump pump, underground drains, French drains?



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See TARPOFF, Page B7

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3161 College Ave.
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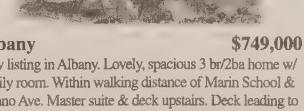
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\$879,000

Very well maintained 4-plex with 2 bedroom/1 bath units. Located in desirable area 6 blocks from BART. Two units have freestanding fireplaces, two have either a deck or patio. Two have larger dining areas. Separate laundry room.

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\$599,000

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2411 5th St.
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Marina Bay

\$599,000

Immaculate three bedroom, two and a half bath home in gated community. Features include master suite, Hunter Douglas blinds throughout, two-car garage. On the promontory.

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El Cerrito

\$475,000

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- Beautiful kitchen with custom stainless steel countertop and butcher block counters. 2 ovens!
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Catherine Valley 531-7000 x258

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4500 ALLENDALE \$539,000

Maxwell Park. Enchanting Tudor with architectural detail! Spacious 3BD/1BA, living room with vaulted beam ceilings & elegant fireplace, gorgeous hardwood floors, large updated kit. & charming breakfast room with built-ins, huge basement with "plus" room & storage space.

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



3224 LORENZO \$445,000

Laurel. Welcome to this delightful 3BD/1BA cottage on an oversized lot. Large eat-in-kitchen, spacious living room with dining area. Huge storage room outside, lovely garden. Must see!

Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



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ALMOST MAXWELL PARK

Located conveniently close to Mills College, this gracious bungalow offers 2BD/1BA PLUS A "law unit". This lovely home has been tastefully updated, has charming built-ins, simple, spacious kitchen with breakfast nook and a gorgeous garden.

Heidi Tugle 531-7000 x286

3110 FERNSIDE BLVD. \$685,000

Alameda. Inviting Spanish in desirable Fernside. Two plus bedrooms, one as a half bath, formal living and dining room, large family room leads to tiled patio and garden.

Joy Bryden 531-7000 x218



5362 PRINCETON \$520,000

Melrose. Beautiful duplex with new foundation (in back unit), plumbing, electrical, and roof. Front 3BD/2BA Craftsman unit, master suite, cute sunny kitchen. Back 2BD/2BA unit is brand new construction with stylish details.

Heidi Kearsley 531-7000 x295



742 WESLEY WAY 1C \$315,000

Lakeshore. Fabulous 900 sq. ft. condo in a serene setting. Includes a large living room with fireplace and washer and dryer in the unit. Lots of windows and two balconies overlooking trees and foliage.

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FABULOUS CONDO

Berkeley. Two plus bedroom, loft, large gardens, shared deck and gourmet kitchen. Great neighborhood, close to UCB, BART, Alta Bates shops and restaurants!

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3824 PARK BOULEVARD \$595,000

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\$788,000

\$425,000

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How about the appliances? Any not working? Burners, broiler? Has the owner had to have the sewer cleared? When? What offer? Slow drains anywhere? Leaking toilets? Are there stains on wood floors, or breaks in vinyl or tile? Does the doorbell work? Is there any broken or cracked window glass?

Have there been any leaks from roof or windows or under eaves? Any water in the basement or garage?

We look at the hot water heater and if it is braced for earthquakes according to the most recent requirements, and we look for the right number of smoke detectors.

Is there a garden sprinkler system? Where is it? Problems?

We ask about the neighborhood. Neighbors? Disputes with neighbors? Dogs or other nuisances? Any illegal or setting of land or houses in this area?

Is there a security system, is it leased or owned?

And miscellaneous things: Does front door key work smoothly?

Are there keys to all keyed locks?

Are there ants, rodents?

Anything attached to the house,

such as light fixtures, that will not stay with the house? Anyone ever die in the house? Was there ever a fire in the house?

We make notes, and we ask the owner to write down anything else they think of later.

About a week or so before we put the house on the market, together we complete all of the disclosures and we type up the addendum to the Transfer Disclosure

Owners of houses we have sold have let buyers know about number of interesting secrets involving feuds with neighbors, one built (and torn down) out of brick, and a squirrel nest in a clothes dryer vent. One seller revealed that the refrigerator was noisy and sometimes sweats while refrigerator in another house pumps water from the bottom "but only once a year."

Until the physical inspection was done, an elderly client was unaware

that her husband, years before he died, had tapped directly into the PG&E lines for electricity. Extremely hazardous (and illegal), but their electricity didn't cost them a thing.

We also had owners who told

about deep water inside the house caused by an overflowing city storm drain. And one explained that there was no heat in the house; the pipes in the floor for radiant heat were broken.

Perhaps my favorite disclosure

was a warning to buyers that there was a lot of broken glass in the overgrown and ivy-covered backyard due to hot tub party revelers tossing empty wine bottles over the edge of the deck. None of these

truths prevented these houses from selling.

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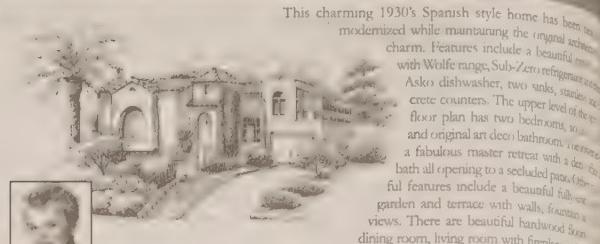
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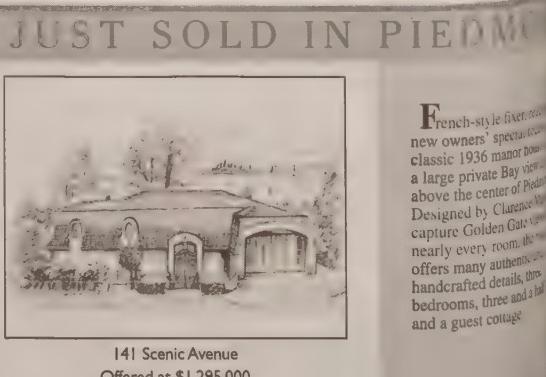
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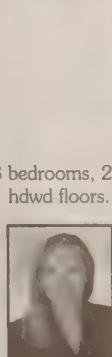


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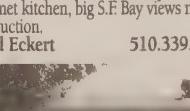
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Countrywide Home Loans	30-yr Fixed Fees=\$1853	30-yr Fixed 5.250 .0000 5.362 .0000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625 .0000 5.685 .0000	Pay Option ARM 5.000 .0000 5.038 .0000	OPEN SAT/SUN STATED OR NO INCOME LOANS AVAILABLE CREDIT PROBLEMS OK NO POINTS LOANS AVAILABLE.
Countrywide	30-yr Fixed Fees=\$1890	30-yr Fixed 5.250 .0000 5.423 .0000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.625 .0000 5.685 .0000	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.750 .0000 5.000 .0000	FREE pre-approval. Refinance/2nd homes. 100% financing/ no docs/ stated income 10 day purchase close CALL 888-903-9888
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Video celebrates 1939 World's Fair

ALAMEDA MUSEUM

When Alameda's filmmaker Andy Pagano died, he left a valuable legacy of vintage video and film. A new Pagano film has been released — courtesy of Alameda Power & Telecom and the Alameda Museum.

The subject is the 1939-40 World's Fair, dubbed the Golden Gate International Exposition.

The World's Fair was created to celebrate the opening of the Bay and Golden Gate bridges. This "Pageant of the Pacific" attracted exhibits and fair-goers from around the world.

A veritable wonderland of Art Deco structures arose on the

newly developed Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

Film highlights include the Tower of the Sun, the Elephant Towers, the Court of Pacifica, and the Arc of Triumph.

Billy Rose's famous Aquacade is featured, as are night scenes at the Fair and attractions in the Fun Zone, called The Gayway.

This 24-minute color video is available for \$17 in both VHS and DVD format at Pagano's, 1100 Lincoln Ave. in Alameda, 510-522-1345, and at the Alameda Museum, 1234 Alameda Ave. Please call 510-523-5907 for hours.

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Interest in real estate remains hot year in and year out. And with each new year, a bevy of new books come out offering a range of insights on how to build a real estate portfolio.

If you're interested in exploring real estate investing, here are a few fresh titles with useful information.

■ Real Estate Investing Made Simple

By M. Anthony Carr
AMACOM, 2005 (\$17.95)

Details lending programs and factors in property selection.

■ Commercial Real Estate Investing: 12 Easy Steps to Getting Started

By Jack Cummings
John Wiley & Sons, 2005 (\$24.95)

Explains how to maximize financing and issues such as location and zoning laws.

■ Making Money in Real Estate
By Dolf De Roos and Diane Kennedy
John Wiley & Sons, 2005 (\$16.95)

Covers commercial and residential property investment, and what it takes to succeed.

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New listing! Exceedingly handsome 1914 "1st Bay Traditional" with classical details by Wm. Hays. In the same family since 1930, many original details remain intact. Gracious living and dining rooms. 6 bdrms, study, enclosed sunporch, 2.5 baths. S.E. view from master suite. Double lot with majestic oaks and boulders. Truly one of a kind.

Nancy Mueller 524-9888 x20

\$1,580,000



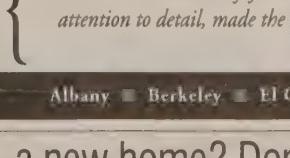
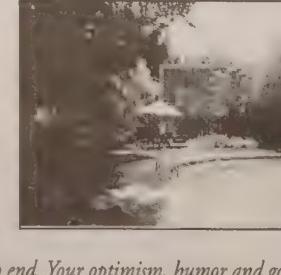
730 Peralta Ave., Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30
Sweet 2-bdrm bungalow w/separate, spacious studio/office. Ideal Solano Ave. location! Frpl in living rm, orig. built-in dining area. Eat-in kitchen. Hwd flrs, deck opens to sunny & private back grdn. Freshly painted & floors refinished. Greenhouse windows bring in wonderful light!
Arlene Baxter 524-9888 x19
\$565,000



1300 Quarry Ct., #204, Pt. Richmond
Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00
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Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35
\$545,000



2314 Valley, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00
New listing! Just move in and enjoy! Amazing & delightful remodel. 2 bdrm w/garage/studio on quiet cul-de-sac. Beau. new stone frpl w/handcrafted solid cherrywood mantle & blkcase on each side. New foundation, dbl-pane windows, furnace, plumbing, tankless water heater; new paint inside & out. New redwood deck overlooks lovely, secluded grdn w/stone patio & hot tub.
Gay & Kay 524-9888 x51
\$535,000



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651 Moraga Rd., #33, Moraga
Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00

New listing! Sophisticated townhouse-style condominium in quiet, wooded complex with level, pool. This two-story unit features 2 bdrms, 1.5 baths w/Berber carpeting, new dual-pane windows/patio doors, deck and private patio. Minutes to shops, parks and exceptional schools.

Warren Lei 524-9888 x14
\$419,000

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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide on page B11

PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



190 SANDRINGHAM RD. \$1,995,000
A beautifully redesigned & spacious home on a quiet cul-de-sac. Fabulous master suite, huge kitchen/family room. Au-pair suite. 4BR/4BA. Angela Wei Grubb



50 SOTELO AVENUE \$2,995,000
Exquisite Piedmont Colonial w/ 3 levels of gracious living & views of Tyson Lake. 5BR/4.5BA + library, sun room + rumpus/family room. Mavis Delacroix

117 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE \$949,000
Two-story SF style Brown Shingle traditional. Great location near Beach School, shops & dining. Manicured lawn & garden. 3+BR/2.5BA. Katherine Cooper



152 WILDWOOD AVENUE \$839,000
Light & airy traditional home close to Wildwood School. Loads of windows, hardwood floors & magical garden. Possible expansion possibility. Anian Pettit Tunney

411 MORAGA AVENUE \$849,000
Classic Piedmont traditional boasts updated kitchen, formal living & dining room, 2BR, plus 2 bonus rooms. Enclosed porch, sunroom & 2BA. Debbi DiMaggio



89 CAMBRIDGE WAY \$810,000
Ultra charming & spacious! 2BR/1BA, generous plus room, updated kitchen, remodeled bath, lovely garden & garage. Convenient location. Anne Van Dyke

OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



95 WESTMINSTER DRIVE \$2,295,000
Sophisticated Claremont Pines home. Enchanting formal rooms. Expansive kitchen w/breakfast room. Family room, gardens & pool. F. Keogh/L/McClain



6203 BULLARD DRIVE \$1,250,000
All level fabulous design & setting. Very private. A rare opportunity. 4BR/3BA contemporary w/family room opening to courtyard. Debra J. Dryden



851 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD \$1,095,000
A magnificent estate (c. 1922) in Crocker Highlands. This French Provincial home features 5+BR/2.5BA & a beautiful property. Needs some TLC. Dana Cohen

7245 BUCKINGHAM BLVD. \$1,080,000
A charming 3BR/3BA traditional in the Claremont Hills w/ wonderful canyon views & spacious decks. Open floor plan w/family room & master suite. Elizabeth Dickson

1061 HUBERT ROAD \$1,049,000
Charming English in Crocker Highlands. 3BR & office. French panes & bay windows. Elegant kitchen/family room. Rear garden w/Tuscan flair. Judith Cain

231 CROSS ROAD \$949,000
Prized location in sought after Upper Rockridge. Traditional 3BR/3BA. Separate family room. Expansive atrium. Expansion possibilities. Carolyn Jones

6725 SIMS DRIVE \$859,000
Sophisticated Sea Ranch style home. Contemporary designer remodel. Chef's kitchen. Spa-like master bath. Private tree-lined street near Montclair. Hope Broderick

4282 COOLIDGE AVENUE \$699,000
Attractive details throughout this 3BR/1.5BA home. Eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, great back garden & expansive Bay & city views. Bettina Balestrieri



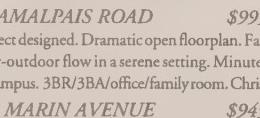
4053 HUNTINGTON ST. \$649,000
Very special country-feel hideaway. 3BR/2BA. Handsome redwood deck w/spa & sauna. Two-car detached garage w/workshop. Nancy Lehrkind

143 BEAU FOREST DRIVE \$589,000
3BR/1BA opens level out to tranquil rear patio & garden. Attached garage & storage room. Close to Montclair Village shops & transportation. Marlene Lyons

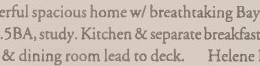
BERKELEY & RICHMOND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



155 ALVARADO ROAD \$1,395,000
Grand Craftsman. First time open in 50+ yrs. Spacious 4+BR/3+BA. Bay views, lovely terraced garden. Desirable Claremont neighborhood. Ruth Frassetto



40 TAMALPAIS ROAD \$995,000
Architect designed. Dramatic open floorplan. Fabulous indoor-outdoor flow in a serene setting. Minutes from UC Campus. 3BR/3BA/office/family room. Chris Cohn



2012 MARIN AVENUE \$945,000
Wonderful spacious home w/breathtaking Bay views. 4BR/3.5BA, study. Kitchen & separate breakfast room. Living & dining room lead to deck. Helene Barkin

430 PANORAMIC WAY \$895,000
Priceless Panoramic Bay views! Romantic 2+BR/1.5BA w/peace, serenity & spectacular Bay, SF & Golden Gate views. Close to nature, town & UC. The Ratcliffes



744 KEELER AVENUE \$825,000
Romantic jewel in the North Berkeley hills! Beautiful Bay views! 3BR, family room, office, 2BR, attached garage & level garden. Close to Tilden Park. Bebe McRae

731 CRESTON ROAD \$710,000
Wonderful wrap-around level home on a huge level lot! There are 3BR/2BA, living/dining room w/ vaulted ceilings, courtyard & expansive garden. Susie Schevill



2371 VIRGINIA STREET # 2 \$499,000
Gorgeous Tudor condominium (c. 1920's) with 2BR/1BA, hardwood floors, wonderful details. Close to all conveniences. Angela Wei Grubb

3935 SELMI GROVE \$725,000
RICHMOND. Beautiful 5-yr old Country Club vista home at Hilltop. Extra large lot w/big garden. Like new condition w/upgrades. Great value & location! Ed Kuo

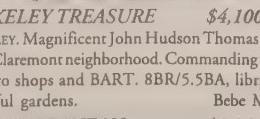
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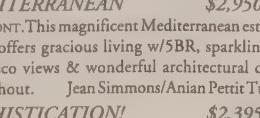
SEA VIEW \$8,500,000
PIEDMONT. Grand neo-classic estate designed by Willis Polk (c. 1912). Fabulous architectural details & spacious formal rooms. The gorgeous gardens include lawns, terraces, pool & fountain. Angela Wei Grubb



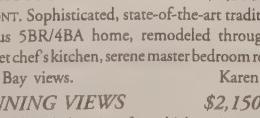
BERKELEY TREASURE \$4,100,000
BERKELEY. Magnificent John Hudson Thomas home in the Claremont neighborhood. Commanding views. Close to shops and BART. 8BR/5.5BA, library & beautiful gardens. Bebe McRae



MEDITERRANEAN \$2,950,000
PIEDMONT. This magnificent Mediterranean estate (c. 1929) offers gracious living w/5BR, sparkling San Francisco views & wonderful architectural details throughout. Jean Simmons/Anian Pettit Tunney



SOPHISTICATION! \$2,395,000
PIEDMONT. Sophisticated, state-of-the-art traditional. Fabulous 5BR/4BA home, remodeled throughout. Gourmet chef's kitchen, serene master bedroom retreat, city & Bay views. Karen Starr



STUNNING VIEWS \$2,150,000
BERKELEY. World-class views from this home in a national park-like setting. 5BR/3+BA incl. master suite w/breathtaking views, family room, wine cellar, home office & conference room. Anthony Riggins

BLAIR AVENUE \$2,150,000
PIEDMONT. Gracious living awaits in this lovely traditional home. Kitchen/family room w/access to patio & garden. 3BR + office share upper level, w/4th BR & rumpus room below. Large basement & attached garage. Mindy Scott

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,500,000
BERKELEY. Spectacular modern architecture w/big Bay views and ultimate privacy. 3BR/2.5BA & study. Attached garage. Rare and beautiful! Bebe McRae

STYLISH & TRADITIONAL \$1,495,000
BERKELEY. Beautiful new construction w/Bay views. Close to Tilden Park. 4BR/3.5BA. Rich finishes. Attached garage w/interior access. North Berkeley's best! Bebe McRae

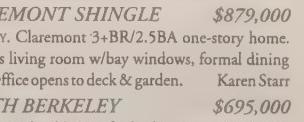
PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL \$1,295,000
PIEDMONT. Spacious traditional in central Piedmont. Gracious formal rooms, updated eat-in kitchen, 3+BR up. Rumpus room down. Beautiful gardens. Mindy Scott

WONDERFUL OASIS \$1,195,000
OAKLAND. Piedmont side of Montclair. Fabulous 50's oasis. Custom built 3+BR/2.5BA. Expansive SF & city views, lush private garden. Quiet cul-de-sac. Karen Starr

LIVE /WORK SPACE \$995,000
BERKELEY. Live/work in this 4BR/2BA flat upstairs w/space for a business downstairs. Separate 2BR/1BA cottage. Secluded garden. Bettina Balestrieri

MONTCLAIR \$995,000
OAKLAND. Lovely Piedmont side of Montclair 4BR/3BA. Beautiful kitchen, baths, patio & decks. Perfect floorplan for indoor-outdoor living. Pool. Michelle Winchester

ROCKRIDGE RENOVATION \$895,000
OAKLAND. 3BR/2BA, large home office/studio. The family room opens to a level garden and leads to a private spa. Close to shops and BART. A. Robeson/B. McRae



CLAREMONT SHINGLE \$879,000
BERKELEY. Claremont 3+BR/2.5BA one-story home. Gracious living room w/bay windows, formal dining room. Office opens to deck & garden. Karen Starr

NORTH BERKELEY \$695,000
BERKELEY. Adorable Confer-built cottage 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, attached garage & great garden! Wonderful neighborhood. Bebe McRae

MONTCLAIR \$759,000
OAKLAND. Montclair charmer w/3BR/2BA. Living & dining room open to fabulous deck. Updated kitchen opens to level garden. Steve Michaelides

ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN \$739,000
OAKLAND. Wonderful Craftsman, just steps to BART & Market Hall. 2+BR, remodeled kitchen and bath. Lovely back garden. Leaded windows. Susanne Paul

LAND FOR SALE

KENSINGTON \$1,700,000
Build your dream home on this spectacular lot with gorgeous views. Private & quiet. Faye Keogh

STUNNING VIEWS \$1,650,000
Magnificent view lot in Upper Rockridge. Level building site. Quiet cul-de-sac. Elizabeth Dickson

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The topics are how much home you can afford, how to qualify for a loan and why you need a Realtor, at "Buying Your First Home". The free seminar is June 18, at the Homewood Suites in Oakland. Receive a free credit analysis. Make a reservation with presenters from "Your Home Team Advantage" (a group of professionals from mortgage, title and Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors) by visiting GallagherAndLindsey.com or calling 510-865-4192 ext. 300.

"Better Business Through Successful Systems", a seminar for Realtors and all other small business independent contractors. Learn cutting edge techniques and run your business like a business. Bill Hogarty. Inquire about the June 16 class at (925) 469-2211.

Hear the facts and fiction about your home equity. Learn tips for financial success at "Secrets of Real Estate Investing". The seminar is presented by Maison Nouveau, June 14, in Berkeley. Send reservations to mnber@maisonnouveau.com.

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Telltale

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748-0796 or visit alamedamu.seum.org.**Buy Me Peanuts**

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EL CERRITO - NEW! \$649,000
4+2/2 - Spectacular with fireplace, custom colors, open spaces with big eat-in kitchen. Family room leads to spacious, grassy yard. 7010 Manila Avenue Open 1:30-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$1,375,000
3 HOMES/1 LOT - Detached homes; great opportunity for extended families, TIC, co-housing. All renovated in 1999. Near U.C.B. & BART 1915 A,B,C Oregon Street Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND - NEW! \$885,000
5/2 - Sunny country French Craftsman. Up per Lakeshore near Piedmont. Big yard decks, a nice, warm home. 3908 Lakeshore Avenue Open 2-4

ALBANY - NEW! \$575,000
2/1 - Over \$150,000 of renovations & updates make this bungalow with cottage a great value for investors & 1st time buyers. 805 Curtis Street Open 2-5

EL CERRITO - NEW! \$639,000
3/2 - One story with views of Golden Gate & SF Bay bridges. Located near Del Norte BART, shopping & easy access to freeway. 1740 Walnut Street Open 2-4:30

BERKELEY - NEW! \$985,000
3/2 - European Timber Frame style. Redwood interior. Rare, level double lot. Must see! 747 Creston Road Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND - NEW! \$799,000
2 HOMES/1 LOT - 2 renovated homes 2/1 & one 1/1. New kitchens, fresh paint & out, newly landscaped yard, hardwood floors. 5260 Lawton Avenue Open 2-4

ALBANY - NEW! \$899,000
4/3 - Secluded setting, located on a cul-de-sac overlooking San Francisco Bay. Master suite with walk-in closet, stone fireplace, more. 796 Hillside Avenue Open 2-4

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3/1.5 - Baja Elmwood - blocks from Whole Foods, College Ave. shops. Craftsmen details, hardwood floors, fresh paint, new roof, more! 3120 Deakin Street Open 1-4

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4/2 - Sunny remodeled bungalow has style, charm, utility. Hardwood floors, great division of space, big private yard, close to BART. 4121 Wall Avenue Open 1-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$695,000
FOURPLEX - Fabulous fourplex, all 1-bedroom units with eat-in kitchens & hardwood floors. Nice yard. An incredibly convenient location. 2136-2322 Prince Street Open 2-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$499,000
3+1 - Charming Tudor with beautiful architectural details, hardwood floors, located in a desirable Westbrae neighborhood. Must see! 1123 Page Street Open 1-4

OAKLAND - NEW! \$399,000
CONDO - Impeccably renovated w/ new windows & breathtaking views. Crown molding & his & hers closets, 2 blocks from College of Marin. 5271 Broadway Terrace #3 Open 2-4

N+E RICHMOND - NEW! \$410,000
2+2 - Charming! Includes separate studio! HUGE lot, RV parking, new roof, new bath, gleaming hardwood floors, move-in condition! 951 35th Street Open 2-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$649,000
DUPLEX - Edwardian duplex. Upstairs: 2+1 and vacant. Downstairs: 1/1. Convenient to Berkeley Bowl, Ashby BART and UC. 2810-12 MLK Jr. Way Open 1-4

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2/2 - Feel miles away in this peaceful wooded setting, but a short stroll brings you to the heart of downtown Orinda. Fireplace, deck, 77 Underhill Road Open 1-4

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2/1 - Cute starter with new paint, fireplace. Living room & kitchen fans complement river breeze. French doors to deck. Close to BART. 30 West Rose Avenue Open 2-4

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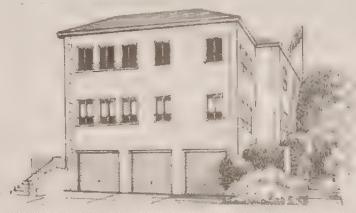
This charming 3+ bedroom, 1 bath Tudor has beautiful architectural details, hardwood floors, and is located in desirable Westbrae neighborhood. Sunny & private patio/play area. Close to transportation and shops. Truly a must-see!

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Room With a View!



5271 BROADWAY TERRACE #3, OAKLAND

Impeccably renovated 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom condominium with picture windows and breathtaking views. Both the bathroom and eat-in kitchen have been tastefully remodeled. You will find crown molding throughout beautifully painted interior walls. Wake up to bay views in a spacious bedroom that features his and her closets. This sun-drenched spacious home is perfectly located just two blocks off College Avenue in a small vintage 4-unit building with a casual Home Owners Association.

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Location, Location, Location!



3120 DEAKIN STREET, BERKELEY

Charming Edwardian 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, home situated in Baja Elmwood - just blocks to Whole Foods, Berkeley Bowl, and College Avenue shops. You will find Craftsman detailing, and hardwood floors throughout this sunny and bright home. Fresh paint, a new roof and automatic garage door are among some of the recent upgrades. Don't miss the spacious remodeled kitchen with tile floors and French doors that lead to a lovely wrap around deck. This home is move in ready with yet still oodles of potential in a full unfinished basement that runs the length of the house.

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Albany - Newly Renovated



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7315 GLADYS AVENUE, EL CERRITO

Cute 3 bedroom cottage perched high atop a quiet cul-de-sac. Refinished hardwood floors, large yard, peek-a-boo views of Golden Gate.

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LISTED AT \$1,190,000

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1740 WALNUT STREET, EL CERRITO

This mid-century 1 level, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has views of the Golden Gate and Bay Bridge from the living room and dining room. Nicely landscaped Japanese garden, eat-in kitchen, master bedroom, 2 car garage, and hardwood floors throughout.

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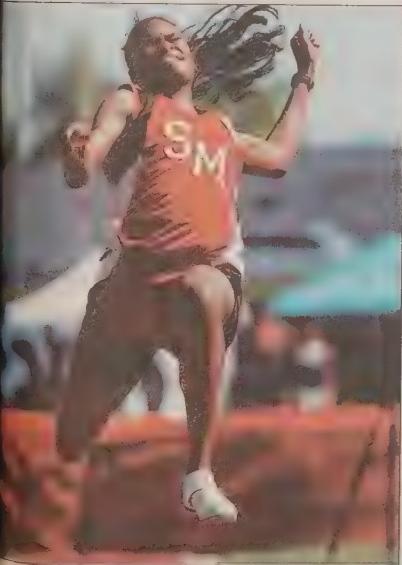
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JERE SUMMERS of Berkeley capped her prep career with a fifth-place finish at the state meet in Sacramento. Her best mark of the two-day meet came in Friday's trials, when she threw 43-1 1/4.

Berkeley's Summers places fifth at state



JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO/STAFF

■ Senior shot putter throws 42-5 1/4 on her first attempt to earn a medal

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — Berkeley High School's Jere Summers finished fifth in the girls shot put at the California Interscholastic Federation state track and field championships Saturday to cap her prep career.

Summers, who entered the finals with the fourth-best trials throw (43 feet, 1 1/4 inches), opened her final appearance at Sacramento City College's Hughes Stadium with a toss of 42-5 1/4. The throw was her best of six as her next four throws went 39-4 1/4, 38-1 1/4, 40-7 1/4, 40-7 1/4. She fouled on her last attempt.

"It was all right. I am not as bummed out as I thought I would be," said Summers, who is the region leader in the event with a throw of 44-0.

Julie Dufresne of Harbor-Santa Cruz won the event with a throw of 47-7 1/2. But Summers can take solace in that she was unable to practice much through-

out the season and still managed to place in the state's top six.

"Because of academic conflicts she really only threw at meets," Berkeley throws coach Michael Hammerquist said. "So she hasn't had practice at all. She is running off of natural ability."

On Friday, Summers qualified easily for Saturday's finals.

"I was nervous (Friday), but confidence put me through it, (along with) constant talking to myself," Summers said. "I just kept telling myself to speed up and look up."

The inner pep talk worked on her first throw in the second flight. Summers took the lead with a toss of 41-3 1/4, which was 2 feet and 10 inches farther than the leader at the time, Nicole McClure (38-5 1/4) of Franklin-Elk Grove.

Then after James Logan's Jaleesa Jeffery took the lead on her first throw of 42-1, Summers regained the lead in her flight on her final throw. In the third flight, Dufresne had the top trials mark of 47-10 1/2.

On Saturday, St. Mary's Gabriela Rios-Sotelo finished 16th in the 3,200-meter final with a time of 11 minutes, 9.62 seconds.

The Panthers senior finished 10th in the 1,600 trials on Friday at Hughes Stadium with a time of 5:00.13 seconds, missing the cut for the finals by .03 seconds.

The top nine qualifiers from each event advanced to the finals.

"I guess I am just disappointed," said Rios-Sotelo, who missed last year's 1,600 state finals by three seconds. "I should have made it."

For the first three laps, Rios-Sotelo had put herself in position to advance. She was third after the third lap, but entering the final turn on the last lap, she fell to fourth and eventually finished fifth in her heat.

Corona Del Mar-Newport Beach's Annie St. Geme won the heat in 4:55.31. St. Geme also won the final in 4:50.40.

"I felt pretty tired coming into the last lap," said Rios-Sotelo, who entered the trials race with the third-best qualifying time of 4:53.55. "I didn't feel as good as I usually do."

In her first attempt in the girls long jump at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions on May 28, Ramine Cromartie-Thornton of St. Mary's put herself in the state meet with a leap of 18-1 1/2.

However, Cromartie-Thornton was unable to repeat her performance at the state trials Friday. In flight two, she jumped 17-8 on her first attempt but fouled on her next two chances to miss out on advancing to the finals.

"I don't think I was nervous," Cromartie-Thornton said. "I don't know what it was. I felt prepared and I felt ready today."

Cromartie-Thornton missed the cut by 8 1/4 inches. Merrill West-Tracy's Brittany Daniels, who competed in last year's Olympic Trials, had the top mark at 19-9. She won the finals Saturday with a mark of 20-8 1/4.

Albany's Rebecca Molinari finished 21st in the girls discus trials Friday with a mark of 103-2.

On Saturday, Merrill West won the girls team title with 48 points, with Wilson-Long Beach right behind in second (43). Girls meet records were set by Daniels in the triple jump (44-5 1/4) and Ebony Collins of Wilson-Long Beach in the girls 300 low hurdles (40.10).

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this story.

urant drafted in round 4

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

Berkeley High School's Mike Durant got a jump on the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday because he selected him in the round of the Major League draft with the 127th pick.

"I heard about it before they were drafted," said Durant, who was going to the draft on mlb.com. "I heard an earplug in, and I heard his name. I was excited."

"Mike is a 6-foot-5, 245-pound Dutch," said Durant, who would decide after June 17 whether to sign with the Phillies.

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FINAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	23-4	Spartans win NCS 3A East Bay title, finish with 15 straight wins
2.	Monte Vista	20-6-1	Mustangs rally for share of EBAL title, fall 12-2 in 3A championship
3.	California	22-5	Grizzlies fall to eventual 3A champ DLS 7-6 in semifinals
4.	Bishop O'Dowd	25-1	Dragons' undefeated season cut short in 10-7 loss to Monte Vista
5.	Clayton Valley	21-5	Eagles drop a 2-1 nail-biter to California in quarterfinals
6.	Amador Valley	20-5	Dons stumble down the stretch, fall 1-0 to 3A runner-up Monte Vista
7.	Miramonte	22-5	Matadors win second straight 2A crown, fourth in seven years
8.	Livermore	16-9	Cowboys' breakout season ends with first playoff appearance in ages
9.	Las Lomas	18-9	Knights get hot in playoffs, can't overcome costly errors in 2A title game
10.	Berkeley	17-8-1	Yellow Jackets streak into playoffs, push No. 1 Dragons in 3-2 loss

Others receiving votes: Campolindo (20-5), Head-Royce (22-1). The baseball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools. Results are through the end of the season.

ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS THROUGH JUNE 5

Younger division

On the Beam Leopards 14, Kenneth Brennan's Toothless Tigers 13: The Tigers racked up a commanding lead in the first half of the game, but the Leopards rallied for a one-run victory. For the Leopards, Sophia Olaya-Hermes' powerful hitting, quick running, and skillful fielding at third base kept the team's chance for a win alive.

Tiger pitcher Miley Cohen dominated the defense for three quick outs in the top of the second inning, including a double play. In the bottom of the inning, Leopard pitcher Sophia Emmons-Bell and third baseman Talia Rossi were in sync, recording two smooth outs in a row. Tiger Madeleine Jones had solid hits in the first and third innings, and Tiger Faith Valdez hit a whopper in the second to move a teammate into scoring position. Rosa Rossi-Goldthorpe, one of the speediest Leopards, made outs as a pitcher and first baseman for the defense and hustled around the bases for the offense. Tiger Lila Jansen hit solidly all day, and Tiger Diana Hubert made two swift outs at third in the second inning. Two doubles in a row, by Josephine Hass and Nia Willis, brought several Leopards home in the fifth and final inning of this exciting game.

Middle division

Impact Fund Maximum Impact 4, Arkin Tilt Terminators 1: The Impact played a strong offensive and defensive game. The Impact's Barbara McCray and Reid Schneider each hit doubles and Natalia Alidaco hit a two-run single shortly after recovering from an on-field injury. The Impact's Clara Obstfeld played aggressive defense as a

center fielder and as a pitcher, stopping hard-hit balls and chasing down the runners for tags. Solid pitching by Sasha Kramer and Abigail Green was also instrumental in the Impact's strong defense. The Terminators' defense was on, as usual. In the first inning, Terminator Elise Hartinger stopped an Impact drive and threw to first baseman Kenia Cobb for an out. Terminator pitcher Ashley LaRosa followed with another well-fielded ball to end the inning. Terminator second baseman Shira Rothman recorded an out in the second inning. The third inning's highlights included a spectacular catch by Terminator Zoe Salavane-Crisostomo at first base. On offense, Terminators Jane Huff and Nina Magnusson had RBIs singles. Terminators Ava Burnell and McKenzie Giblin whacked hard singles as well.

Older division

Adobe Black Magic 10, Dart Vend Bumptious Bears 3: All of the season's hard work came together for the Bumptious Bears and Black Magic as both teams demonstrated superior pitching and crisp fielding.

Bear Bethany Cloberry had an excellent at-bat, fighting back from the count to work a walk.

On defense, Cloberry scooped up a ball at second and fired it to teammate Camille Dyrh for the first of Dyrh's five putouts in the game, three of which were unassisted and the other with an assist from Bear Isabel Hubbard. Dyrh also laid down a perfect bunt that spun to a dead stop in front of the plate; only a brilliant play by Magician Lisie Dohner prevented her from beating it out. Bear Camille Jackson caught for ace pitcher Marina Hunt and thrilled the crowd by throwing out a runner attempting to steal

second. Magic pitcher Lisa Gilliland struck out two, contributed to four outs at shortstop, and drove in Elisa Jones. Teammate Beatrice Weindel had a stellar outing on the mound, striking out two. A scoreless inning ended with a pop fly beautifully fielded by Magician Hanna Morris. Morris went on to drive a double to left. In two innings against Magic pitcher Elizabeth Tulsky, no batters reached base. Tulsky also fielded a stringer back to the mound to help her own cause. A terrific catch by Magician Valerie Dohner brought the season to a close.

Strategic Economics Panthers

13, Tulip Belt Sanders 10: In a slugfest, the Panthers rode the strong bats of Hannah Veeninga (two hits, two RBIs), Maggie Di Costanzo (a home run and two RBIs), and Allie Prescher (three RBIs), as all 11 players on the team scored a run. The Belt Sanders countered with seven different players scoring and were led by the strong bats of Katie Tick (two hits and two RBIs) and Helen Mason (three RBIs). Patience at the plate by Belt Sanders Zoe Fiddler and Sonya Schoenberger resulted in walks, and each scored two runs. After the teams scored a combined total of 21 runs in the first three innings, strong pitching took over for the final inning. Panther pitcher Prescher struck out the side to end any hope of a Belt Sanders comeback. Likewise, Belt Sander hurler Elena Jacobs-Pontecorvo held the Panthers to one hit and struck out two batters in their half of the final inning. Belt Sander Katie Carter and Panther Audrey Gutierrez turned in outstanding defensive plays to keep the score from getting any higher.

THE RIVERS

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THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotcha Bait and Tackle in Antioch said despite the windy weather, there are still a lot of fish being caught. Stripers are being had at Rio Vista and the Antioch Pier on sardines, shad and anchovies. Black bass are being caught at Orwood's Resort, Holland Tract and Big Break on minnows and nightcrawlers. Catfish can be caught at Orwood's Resort on clams, mackerel and liver, and bluegill can be found at Orwood's Discovery Bay, Frank's Tract and Big Break on wax worms, minnows and red worms. Sturgeon can be found at Broad Slough, Chain Island, Power Lines, and a few are being seen at Big Cut, Decker Island and Honker Bay. Anglers are using grass shrimp, ghost shrimp and pile worms.

Tim Overton of Antioch caught a 12-pound black bass on a Senko by the Antioch free launch, Larry Yee of Daly City caught a 5.25-pound and a 3-pound black bass on minnows at Potato Slough,

Aaron Washington of Antioch caught a 10-pound, 30-inch striped bass on sardines at the Rio Vista Bridge and landed 3- and 5-pound stripers on sardines at Rio Vista on a separate trip.

THE LAKES

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FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the charter boat El Dorado said the Berkeley salmon fleet was prevented from fishing offshore last weekend and Monday due to strong winds off the coast. The Berkeley-based New Easy Rider hugged the Marin Coast on Saturday and reported 10 salmon up to 24 pounds for 12 anglers in the protected area inside the Duxbury Reef. The fleet has experienced 10 extremely windy days out of the last two weeks and watched the water temperatures drop from the mid-80s to the high-40s. If the weather settles down for the weekend, the fleet should have some of the best water conditions all year. Every time the winds blow hard, there are always positive changes in the gulf. For more information, visit berkeleysportfishing.com.

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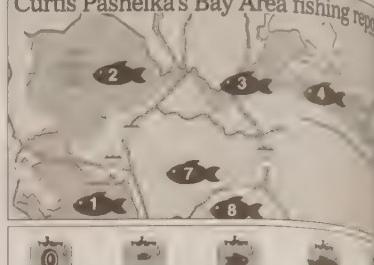
SAN FRANCISCO: Capt. James Smith of the charter boat California Dawn has enjoyed success fishing for both halibut and bass in the Berkeley Flats over the last few days. On Saturday they ended up with 13 bass and four halibut, and on Sunday they had 12 bass and four halibut. On Monday, they caught 12 halibut and six bass. Included in that score were 29-pound and 21-pound halibuts caught by 11-year-old Taylor Statt of Red Bluff. A 22-pounder was caught by Cody Maples of Antioch, also 11. On Wednesday, Smith caught 13 halibut to 18 pounds, five stripers to 18 pounds and one leopard shark for nine anglers.

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doek early in the morning. Mackeral and chicken liver are the best bait to use. In about two weeks, Lake Chabot is going to get weekly catfish plants.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said anglers from the shore caught limits of trout on nightcrawlers and chartreuse or orange PowerBait.

Power Eggs in white were also successful. Hot spots included the South Cove and the point to the left of the Marina, Oak Point and the Rock Wall were also hot. The increased surface temperature has required anglers to cast a little farther and certainly use the sliding sinker set-up. Bait fishing from the boats was rough. Anglers reported little to no action using this method.

Trolling seemed to be the easiest way to catch trout this week.

Even trolling worms in top water in the early morning seemed to work.

The western shoreline of Peninsula Cove and the eastern shoreline of the lake seemed to be the best spots to try. Flashers helped but weren't critical as broken back Rapalas, Kastmasters and

Needlefish all recorded catches on their own. Some boats did have success moving farther away from the shoreline, as well.

Bass activity heated up with the weather near the handicapped pier and Oak Point. Try using natural or rubber worms. If you're using rubber worms, use a natural color.

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best method to catch fish in the morning is best, but as the day heads down in the late afternoon, the action tends to pick up, a heavy, spinning lure is most successful. Avoid lures that tend to foul up.

As bass get their energy from spawning and the new moon continues to improve, they increase activity. Try a more aggressive presentation like chicken liver, anchovies, or eel. Catfish are proven catfish bait, them in the shade on sunny. The warmer water will most increase their activity, as well as the look out.

Crappies are still hitting the launch, but the bite has gone some. Try coming after the late afternoon or early evening. Mini-Jigs in smoke are still catching fish. Sandra Lee caught a 16-inch sturgeon from the shore.

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR

FISHING: Fishing has got

OK. A few trout have been caught here and there, mostly trolled

south end of the reservoir

lures. Anglers seem to be catching catfish at various locations

the reservoir using chicken liver

worms. Stan Taggart of Contra Costa caught two catfish in the

middle of the reservoir — one was

5 pounds and the other was 6

pounds. In addition, Taggart caught a 6.4-pound rainbow trout with salmon eggs.

— Cont.

NOW PLAYING

Movie capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. Reviewers are: Tom F. Potts, Robert W. Butler, Steve Hartman, Steve and Carrie Wright Ridder, Brad Kava, Bruce Kavner, Sean Jose Mercury News; Ben Germain, Christy Lemire and Ben Kent; Ned Martel, Elvis Mitchell (A.O.C. Scott, New York Times); Jamie Jacobson and Jack Mathews, New York Times; Phoebe Flowers, South Bay Times; S. S. Sennett; Bob Strauss, New Whig, Los Angeles Daily News; Jim Cineca, Kevin Crust, Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Tigar, Los Angeles Times; Ed Bark, Tom Clavin, Gary Dowell, Tom Erdmann, Chris Vognar, Philip Wurtzel, Sam Morning News; Jay Boyar and Sean Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Carla Mazzoni, Tom Reilly, Michael O'Sullivan, Stephen Thomson, Washington Post.

MOTHERS?: A beautifully intense

about two brothers who have

and to playing familial roles —

the black sheep, the other the

better. After Michael, the dutiful

man, is believed killed in

captain, those roles shift unexpected-

ly with Connie Nielsen ("Gladiator")

the luminous wife, (in Danish with

subtitles). — M. Pols. (R: violence,

brief nudity); 1 hour, 50 minutes.

"DOMINION: PREQUEL TO THE EXORCIST": Haven't gotten enough "Exorcist" prequels? This one follows a young Father Merrin facing a crisis of

faith in East Africa, where a satanic

church has been buried by the natives,

and the demon Pazuzu starts wreaking

havoc far too late in the movie. Not as

garish as Renny Harlin's version and

two dire for its own good. The actors

seem to be playing in different movies;

the depiction of the natives is conde-

scenting at best; and the pseudo-love

story is only distracting. — C. Vognar.

(R: strong violence, disturbing images);

1 hour, 56 minutes. B-

"ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM": An eye-opening film

puts the whole Enron scandal into focus.

One that will likely have you

stomping about afterward in righteous

indignation at the crimes perpetrated

by these corporate swindlers. Cleverly

done, too, with a terrific soundtrack. —

M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements, ac-

tion and mild language); B+

"THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY": Since Douglas Adams came

up with the comic story for this series in 1978, it has evolved from a radio play

to a series of novels, a TV show and more.

Serious fans may have quibbles,

but as a newcomer, I found this bit of comic science fiction witty, silly (in a good way) and cheering. A good-natured space romp for the whole family. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements, ac-

tion and mild language); B+

"HOUSE OF WAX": Elisha Cuthbert and Paris Hilton have a cast of the young-and-the-yummy on a college football road trip turned horror outing.

She and pals stop to pitch tents. Car trouble sends them to the nearby town,

an art moderne ghost village where,

yes, they might find a fan belt. But first

they've got to check out the empty and

ancient "House of Wax" museum where

lots of status, none of them of famous people, reside. — R. Moore. (R: horror

violence, some sexual content and lan-

guage); 1 hour, 49 minutes. B+

"KINGDOM OF HEAVEN": You'll wish

you had read "The Crusades for Dum-

mies" before watching this film. Less a

struggle between good and evil than a

meditation on the futility of a permanent

holy war, it labors so hard to be fair to

both Muslims and Christians that it

ends up being nothing more than another action spectacle. After the death

of his wife, Balian (Orlando Bloom) is

persuaded by Sir Godfrey (Liam Neeson) to join him in Jerusalem to slay

other infidels. Once in the Holy Land,

Balian can't kill Muslims fast enough —

until he meets Sibylla, princess of Jeru-

salem. — B. Newman. (R: strong

violence, epic warfare); 1 hour, 39

minutes. C-

"LADIES IN LAVENDER": A meditation

on loneliness and missed opportunities

that urges us gently to live a little. The

great actresses Judi Dench and Maggie

Smith play elderly sisters who discover

a young Polish man (Daniel Brühl)

washed up on the shore near their

Cornwall cottage sometime between the

Great Wars. Each becomes possessive

of him and they bicker mightily

over his care. With Natascha McElhone

as a beautiful Russian artist who en-

croaches on their territory. — M. Pols.

(PG: brief strong language); 1 hour, 39

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By Bruce Newman
KNIGHT RIDDER

After the blaze of magazine covers and round-the-clock promotional clips on "Entertainment Tonight" — where Mary Hart's hair has been at DefCon 1 since the rumors about Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie began — "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" is a movie that you may feel you've already seen by the time you actually get to the theater.

You have to hand it to whoever came up with the idea to base the publicity campaign for "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" on the offscreen romance, still unproven, between the picture's two stars. The obvious overlap between the utterly improbable but unassailably real lives of Jolie and Pitt, and the equally improbable lives of their onscreen counterparts, John and Jane Smith, has melded them into a blur of overlapping identities.

Unless you happen to have spent the past several months living in a cave in Afghanistan (or riding a bicycle in the suburbs of Maryland), it is now nearly impossible to separate these four movie meta-characters: Brad and



ANGELINA JOLIE and Brad Pitt star in "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," the story of a married couple involved in the same secret business.

Angle, John and Jane.

It helps that Pitt and Jolie actually have great screen chemistry, a quality that has eluded other actors linked romantically offscreen, such as Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, Tom Cruise and Penelope Cruz, or Ben Affleck and the Jennifers — Lopez and Garner.

"Mr. & Mrs. Smith" is a high-gloss, high-caliber domestic

squabble; it could just as easily have been called "Mr. & Mrs. Smith & Wesson." It's a sort of lip-lock and load Rambo romance.

The picture opens with the stars seated next to each other — facing the camera, and the music — as Mr. and Mrs. Smith go to couples counseling. A lot depends on this first scene. If the main characters come off as

simpering idiots while revealing themselves to us and their off-camera shrink, the whole movie comes crashing down around their ears — their gorgeous ears. These are two staggeringly attractive humans, but a marriage that has reduced them to quarreling over Jane's choice of curtain fabrics doesn't automatically make us feel their pain.

REVIEW

- WHAT: "Mr. & Mrs. Smith"
- STARRING: Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Adam Brody
- RATING: PG-13 (violence, sex, partial nudity)
- RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 59 minutes
- WHERE: Opens today at area theaters
- GRADE: B

She is the first to venture out of their house in the suburbs and into the workplace. Jane is a high-class assassin for some agency just off the governmental grid that kills the people most in need of killing. Jane is attended by a phalanx of women in high heels and tight outfits, who have an endless supply of rocket-launchers and automatic weapons that they appear to have ordered from the Victoria's Secret catalog.

As luck would have it, the first lowlife Jane is assigned to whack is a bondage and discipline fetishist. She shows up for the job in a black leather dominatrix outfit that is — and I can't emphasize this strongly enough — really something. When her work is cruelly interrupted by bodyguards, she goes out a high window to make an escape that looks like something Mary Poppins might try on a spoonful of crystal meth.

John Smith is an assassin, a largely righteous one after he tries to save his wife's life, they learn each other.

At the job site, they each other from a distance, and the other. What fun they had in this movie until they return, separately, to their domestic battlefield, and finding familiar blanks at home.

"I missed you," he says literally than sincere.

"I missed you, too," she says, imagining him as a child on the floor.

Even when they're working things out by themselves, they must deal with some same challenges that John would face if they were a couple. "Maybe it's not such a good idea to undermine me in front of my host," John tells his wife between firefights.

It is the movie's treatise on marriage as the ultimate combat that makes it the training bauble it is. While Jane gets around to doing numbers — as does like living on the edge — it's hard to tell if they're about people themselves, or people they're "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," they same thing.

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"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien," through Dec. 4. An exhibit of 80 watercolor/gouache paintings of California wildflowers by the artist.

"Photography: Recent Acquisitions," through Aug. 7.

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SPECIAL EVENTS — Free with general admission unless noted.

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Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art la Carte, ongoing. Art docents for a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

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People and the Book: Paintings People Books from the Museum's Collection, through July 3. An exhibit of painting from the 19th to the 20th century.

MAGNES MUSEUM — The museum's permanent collection includes objects of Jewish importance including ceremonial art, film and video, art and fine art, paintings, sculptures and prints by contemporary and the arts.

"Acting Out: Claude Moore," through July 31. An exhibit examining the work of French artist Claude Cahun (born Lucy) in the context of her lifelong writing and collaboration with Marianne (born Suzanne Maherbe).

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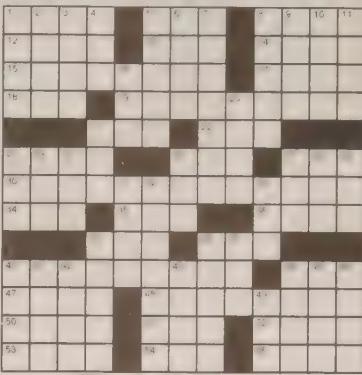
- ACROSS**
- (K) best friend (pet dog)
 - (K) Have fun on snow
 - (K) Has a good cry
 - 12 Skin-cream additive
 - 13 Japanese monetary unit
 - 14 Continental dollar
 - 15 (K) Some horses or Ford cars
 - 17 (K) Tom-tom or snare
 - 18 '70s first daughter
 - 19 Quickly
 - 21 (K) Gave food to
 - 22 (K) Charged atom
 - 23 (K) Opposite of good
 - 26 (K) Opposite of nothing
 - 30 (K) Household appliance (2 words)
 - 34 (K) Direction opposite of WSW

- 35 (K) Decay
- 36 Reprieve from the governor
- 37 Word in the first sentence of the Gettysburg Address
- 38 (K) Noah's vessel
- 40 In a faultless way
- 44 Health farm
- 47 Cut out the boring scenes
- 48 (K) Secret place
- 50 Lear lasciviously
- 51 Literary "before"
- 52 Burst of laughter
- 53 "... and ... the twain shall meet"
- 54 (K) Lion's home
- 55 (K) Keep them on the ball
- DOWN
- 1 (K) Baby's first word, perhaps
- 2 (K) Astringent or emetic

The (K) Clues are for Kids

- 3 Like a yenta
- 4 (K) Math collection
- 5 Council of Trent, e.g.
- 6 Casks
- 7 Infuse
- 8 Coupe alternative
- 9 (K) Yours and mine
- 10 Dry wine
- 11 (K) Quite a few
- 16 (K) Large, hairy creature
- 20 (K) You can dig it
- 21 (K) Winter health problem
- 23 (K) Dec. 24, for example
- 24 U-Haul unit
- 25 (K) Beverage cooler
- 26 Tread the boards
- 27 (K) "A Bug's Life" character
- 28 (K) Mermaid's home
- 29 Snoot

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?
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J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

is finally out for the bringing warm days, shoes, barbecues, family vacations with inter-car rides. Charge up portable DVD player and these discs along to keep us happy (or at least in the back seat).

WE THERE YET?

What your car trip does is horribly wrong as *Ice Cube* does in this amusing vacation DVD. *Ice Cube* and hating ex-jock who ends up to a cute single agreeing to take her from Portland to Vancouver. These are no ordinary however; they're pint-sized tourists who turn hell into a trip from hell. Fan of the charismatic and while this film is good as his work in "Barbershop" or "Friday," it is still a enjoyable film. Your kids the movie even more if it's in their own car.

humor and silly situ-

tions make this a great road disc for kids 6-12. (PG: language). 1 hour and 35 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars

Kids: 3 stars

Teens: 2½ stars

Adults: 2 stars

Seniors: 1 star

Should you rent it? Yes — Pat plot, but thoroughly kid pleasing.

RACING STRIPES

A re-tread of "Babe," the popular talking pig movie, "Stripes" gives us a talking zebra who wants to run in the Kentucky Derby, while simultaneously dealing with horse bul-

lies and coming to terms with how different he looks from all of the other stable animals. Voiced by a gaggle of television stars (with Frankie Muniz as the zebra's ventriloquist), the film is sweet, earnest and a bit sappy. While "Babe" charmed kids and their parents alike, "Stripes" is aimed only at entertaining the little ones — which it does very well. Lots of poop humor will appeal to school-aged kids. (PG: language, crude humor). 1 hour and 24 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars

Kids: 3 stars

Teens: 2½ stars

Adults: 2 stars

Seniors: 2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — The grade school version of "Seabiscuit."

THE BERENSTAIN BEARS TAKE A CAR TRIP

Taken from the wildly popular line of "Berenstain Bears"

books, this DVD is a collection of six shows from the companion PBS cartoon series. Each episode about Mama, Papa, Brother and Sister Bear conveys useful lessons but does so in a way that is not heavy-handed or preachy. Crisply animated with realistic (albeit bear) characters and a car ride theme, this is the perfect DVD to take on your vacation. Kids in first grade and under will most appreciate this family of civilized bears. (Not rated). 1 hour and 22 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 3 stars

Teens: 1½ stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Entertaining shows packed with relevant life lessons.

J.B. Alderman lives in Berkeley and can be reached via www.PhDVD.com.

rienced this so thoroughly as I have here at La Peña," Ghammache says.

Maybe that's why Bates declared La Peña a "cherished and valuable Berkeley and Bay Area resource." And that's certainly why thousands of people have continued to support La Peña during the past three decades, and why Ghammache is sure that Saturday's party will have "lots of people, lots of friends, booths, fun and food and sunshine. We're getting the community out to get together and say happy birthday."

"It's pretty amazing that for 30 years, it just keeps going. With all the ups and downs of politics, certain struggles succeed, others don't."

But that hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of those committed to social justice. "The people who have been at it are still at it."

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ish upward dog pose, then crawled over to the mic stand, which he bit into and held on to while leaping to his feet ... no hands. That move launched the crowd up front into a ragging pit.

Bixler-Zavala knew when to lay off and when to use his voice as another instrument to underline what the band was doing. He wasn't singing most of the time, meaning that when he did, his clean, huge upper-range cut through the jamming like a laser through fog.

The only obvious problem with the Mars Volta getting more jam-ish in bigger venues is that with more space comes more distractions. It wasn't as easy to hold the crowd's attention for extended down parts. But that's where the fluid power of drummer Jon Theodore came in.

While solos bounded between instruments — guitar, keys, flute, sax, keys and gui-



Youth Movement Records

LA PEÑA

THE YOUTH ENSEMBLE Youth Movement Records rehearses every Tuesday at La Peña and will perform Saturday at La Peña's 30th anniversary party and street fair in South Berkeley.

tar — Theodore bid his time, following all the twists and turns until the band turned to him, watching to see when he'd bring them to the next segment with a pounding fill. It demanded the audience pay attention at the risk of getting lost, like losing the plot in a movie after an extended restroom break.

Playing drums in the Mars Volta may be both the best and hardest job in rock. Theodore had to stay on point and follow along with all the right accents but within that, use the freedom to do whatever he wanted.

But enough about the first song. There was a point during "Cygnum ... Vismund Cygnus," when Theodore came out of a long build, taking the band from quiet to cacophony. One could actually feel his accents hit them right in the chest. At some point, with so much musical movement featuring trading solos — and even switching

languages — it became like musical theater.

The night's best moments came during "Roulette Dares (The Haunt of)," when bandmates took the volume low enough for Rodriguez-Lopez to spend more than five minutes messing with his volume knob to create the sounds of floating whales and occasional screaming power tools to mesh with sudden rips through scales. That set up the radio single "The Widow," bringing the crowd out of its trance and back again to end with parts of "Cassandra Gemini."

Things stopped there, before everyone got too much of a good thing. The Mars Volta can leave a person exhausted just from watching.

Tony Hicks is the Times pop music critic. Reach him at 925-952-2678 or thicks@cctimes.com.

TONES

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775-5111, www.sfcfc.org.

Willows Theatre Company — "Oliver!" 4:30 p.m., and AEA only, 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 16; 1-3 p.m. all, June 19; 1-3 p.m. callbacks, June 26. Prepare 16-32 bars of a song in your key, with sheet music (accompanist provided) and a short 1-2 minute monologue. Appointment: 925-798-1824, Ext. 11.

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Classes/workshops

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Arts & Leisure

Friday, June 10, 2005



BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

As broadcasts don't have prayer

If THEY gave awards for Biggest Bonehead Moves in Bay Area media the past 10 years, the nominees might well include KNTV, for hiring the unpleasant Terilyn Joe after she was jettisoned from ABC-7, and, of course, Young Broadcasting paying \$800 million for KRON, losing its NBC affiliation, and hemorrhaging money while hustling to find a buyer.

But among the top three gaffes would have to be those of the hapless execs running the A's media operation. The Oakland team is trapped in a nightmarish radio and TV situation now. Its local televised games are carried on Channel 36 — a forgettable, low-rated UHF station owned by the same company (Cox) that also owns KTVU. KTVU also carries the Giants' games and happens to own piece of the Giants. The Giants couldn't have picked a better station to carry their competitor's games locally. San Jose-based KICU can't be received in much of the East Bay.

Meanwhile, KRON, which, bereft of NBC shows, desperately needs to fill air time, could really use the A's games but can't get the rights to them. So KRON pays a bundle for "Sex and The City" reruns next fall while telling its reporters they're going to have to shoot their own footage and edit their tapes next year to save money.

But the A's radio situation may be the most ridiculous of all. Viacom's radio arm, Infinity, which owned the A's flagship station, KFRC-AM, sold off the once-powerful station to a religious-broadcast outfit this spring. I'm told the A's were assured by Infinity that the deal wouldn't be finalized until after this baseball season. Why else would the A's have agreed to let the games remain? Now, when I flip on the radio to see whether the A's are on 610-AM, I often get hymns and sermons.

In perhaps the most ludicrous episode, the day of the changeover to the religious broadcaster came on a Sunday. One newspaper colleague says he arrived at an A's game in the Coliseum, went into the men's room, and instead of the A's pre-game show, he heard hymns being piped in. It's almost as ridiculous a situation now as the one 27 years ago when UC Berkeley's low-power student station, KALX, carried the A's games until the team found a commercial-broadcast outlet.

"Meanwhile," one disgusted A's fan says today, "the Giants have a 50,000-watt station, KNBR, hyping that team 24 hours a day."

It's a marketing disaster for the A's. If I didn't know better, I'd swear the team was looking for an excuse to relocate. Oakland resident and longtime A's booster Rich Liebberman is also furious. He e-mails: "It's absurd that the A's knew the sale of KFRC was coming, yet didn't make a contingency plan of going to another station like KNEW. It's a joke."

It's not as if the A's didn't have good reason to make contingency plans for radio: As a recent issue of Fortune Magazine reports in its profile of Viacom Chairman Sumner Redstone, sales at his radio division, Infinity, have been flat for five years, and rumors have been ripe in broadcasting circles for months that Redstone might dump Viacom's radio stations altogether when he splits the company in two next year. He denies this in the article.

Now, KFRC's former corporate sister station, tiresome oldies station KFRC-FM, barely even mentions the A's since the sale of its AM simulcast partner. Like I said, you have to wonder whether A's management even cares any more when it treats its radio fans like this.

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsmann@sonic.net



THIS MURAL HAS welcomed visitors to La Peña since 1978. Obrien Thiele, Osha Neuman, Ray Patlan and Anna DeLeon created it with acrylic paints, ceramics and paper mache. La Peña marks its 30th anniversary Saturday with a celebration and street fair.

Activism, art still strong at 30

By Suzanne LaFetra
CORRESPONDENT

"Everyone looks for meaning in life," says Paul Chin, the executive director of La Peña. "My personal belief is that we're here for a short time, and we should make the best use of it by improving the human condition for everyone."

La Peña is making good use of its time so far. For 30 years, the Berkeley nonprofit has been bringing together arts and activism under the bright and beautiful mural that symbolizes social justice. "We here at La Peña see art as a tool for social change," says Chin, who has been involved with the organization since 1976.

La Peña will host a street fair to celebrate its 30 anniversary Saturday, which has been declared by Mayor Tom Bates as "La Peña Day." The fair runs from noon to 6 p.m. and promises lip-smacking food, toe-tapping music and heart-thumping activism.

"People will be dancing in the streets; it'll be a very festive occasion," says musician and La Peña grant writer Sylvia Sherman, whose band La Familia will perform at the celebration. Other participants include Rafael Manriquez, La Peña Afro Cuban Youth Ensemble and Youth



RAFAEL MANRIQUEZ, La Peña's Latin American nueva canción and guitar instructor, will play Saturday.

Movement Records.

La Peña, located at 3105 Shattuck Ave., was founded in 1975 by Chilean exiles and North Americans as a place for cultural exchange, modeled on the peñas (gathering places) sprinkled across Argentina and Chile. The founders hoped to create a space where artists and activists could gather, share ideas and inspire one another.

"La Peña's strength has always been in its community support, and one of the wonderful things that we do is come together and gather and have a good time and share with each

other," Sherman says.

Chin recounts many stories of people being moved to action while experiencing a class, film or performance at La Peña.

"Art and activism are a winning combination," he said. "These little anecdotes remind me of the value of putting people in touch with other people who are doing good in the world."

During the years, La Peña has provided space for more than 1,000 community organizations, shown documentaries, created a community chorus, hosted classes, and been a performance

IF YOU GO

- WHAT: La Peña's 30th anniversary celebration and street fair
- WHEN: noon to 6 p.m. Saturday
- WHERE: Intersection of Prince and Shattuck in Berkeley
- HOW MUCH: free
- INFO: www.LaPena.org or 510-849-2568

space for local and international voices. "We've been able to provide a home base to support artists and to pass on cultural traditions and to create bridges between people of different cultures," Sherman says.

Chin says La Peña's greatest accomplishment is its success in providing a space for alternative voices, for cultivating and nurturing performers.

"Seventy percent of our artists are artists of color who have historically been denied access to performance venues," says Chin.

Danny Glover performed in 1977 at La Peña. Margaret Cho got her start there, as did Linda Ronstadt. Cesar Chavez celebrated his 50th birthday at La Peña, and Father Ernest Cardenal read his poetry there. Not to mention the

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Mars Volta launches sensory assaults in concert

By Tony Hicks
STAFF WRITER

The fact that the most uncommercial of rock bands to appear on your radio can sell out Berkeley's Greek Theatre after two albums is encouraging enough, even before seeing the band perform.

And the fact that more than 8,000 mostly young music lovers showed up to go crazy for a band that doesn't play fake punk, bad metal, hip-hop or Disney-financed pop drivel is about the best news a real music lover could hear — even without actually witnessing the sometimes-exhausting Mars Volta live.

But belief settled in to stay Friday night, after the Mars Volta gave more than two hours of unhinged, no-rules, flying, prog-Latin-Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd plays "Fiddler on the Roof," Jimi Hendrix joins Santana, playing bottom-of-the-ocean noise.

Yeah ... something like that.

The fact that there was that sold-out Greek Theatre crowd bordered on otherworldly, when you consider the usual parameters of rock music. But simple rules don't apply — not to a band that takes more than two hours to play approximately eight songs. Within those songs were about 18 or 28 sub-songs, all performed by guys not only virtuosos at their craft, but who understand and feel the need for a certain amount of showmanship and power that most so-called jam bands just can't offer.



SINGER Cedric Bixler-Zavala of the Mars Volta spent most of the show using his voice as an instrument Friday night at Berkeley's Greek Theatre. Drummer Jon Theodore has one of the best and the hardest gigs in rock playing for the Mars Volta. But he stayed on point the entire night.

The quick primer goes like this: Guitarist Omar Rodriguez-Lopez and singer Cedric Bixler-Zavala came from the highly-touted El Paso alt band At The Drive-In, which called it quits in 2001. The two decided to take a more unorthodox musical path, pumping volume, long jams and band influences into a new band called the Mars Volta.

It's one thing to map out such

a pure path that flies in the face of popular rock music. It's another to actually pull it off. While the band was a nice find for fans after the 2003 debut of "De-Loused in the Comatorium," especially in clubs like San Francisco's Great American Music Hall, things exploded after the recent release of the second record, "Frances the Mute." Expectations have grown, and the

Mars Volta has kept up — not by changing the approach, but by expanding and pulling their fans along.

Friday's show was huge — not in the typical big-stage, wall-of-amps approach, but in musical scope. As it launched into "Drunkship of Lanterns" from the first record, the eight-piece

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Director Andre keeps a firm grip on. The cast — James, Christina Ricci, Carla Gugino and Roham Shahidi — the overhang with commendable

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Section D

The 2006 Subaru B9 Tribeca boasts dynamism

Subaru's staff was introducing its new Tribeca, its use of one word caught my attention, as it captured the spirit of this vehicle. That word: Dynamic.

TOM KEANE

Keane on Wheels

The all-new 2006 B9 Tribeca is a step in the right direction for Subaru, for it adds verve and agility to the traditional sport utility. It also seems to upstage its counterparts, the Subaru Legacy and Outback, which have a reputation for reliability. Tribeca, Subaru's new flagship, has standard traction with all-wheel drive. Ever synonymous with Subaru. Ever since the 1987 model year, every vehicle ever manufactured is assembled with a dynamic accomplishment.

Indeed, the proper name is Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive, which helps describe the power connected to the 250 horsepower Boxer engine and provides optimum torque. Because the drivetrain layout is centered on the center of gravity, the Tribeca aims to enjoy its precise handling.

Tribeca is a seven-passenger sport utility with a unique and attractive design. The exterior lines are very distinct, with a center grille that appears to be upside down. This twist causes the eye to go to the rear, where the sculpted lines and at the top of the roofline, are not the usual SUV or Crossover, especially from any vehicle with a symmetrical AWD system.

My impression was that it would be a good vehicle, and that impression paid off on the money. Speaking of the B9 Tribeca cost about \$33,000, depending upon whether it's a five or seven passenger version.

The difference is the five-passenger model has the additional two seats in the second row, making the rear end longer and decrease storage space. The opportunity to ride in the second row was surprised how much room there is through the rear end when sitting in the front seats. The second row is especially quiet.



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The second row features a 40/60 split bench and the third row a 40/20/40 split rear seat with fold-flat capability. That makes the Tribeca very versatile with its carrying capacity. The three seats in the second row are capable of sliding 8 inches back to provide plenty of leg room.

I'm told this vehicle rides on a coil spring front suspension and an all-new double wishbone rear suspension. It has a strong, stiff chassis and strong unibody construction. I didn't climb under the Tribeca to inspect these parts, but I felt the results of this suspension system when I took a five-seater out on the road.

A 3.0-liter, six-cylinder engine that produces 250 horsepower powers the Tribeca. My tester had a five-speed automatic transmission with a Sportshift. Riding on 18-inch alloy wheels, it was all I could do to restrain myself while on the open road. There is an aluminum-look trim on the dashboard, dials that are large and easy to read and the center panel has a 7-inch navigational information touch screen. Just below it is the

audio system. The entire interior has a quality look. As for safety and security, the long list of components includes a tire pressure monitoring system — a feature you don't often find on other vehicles.

The dictionary defines the word "dynamic" as energetic and forceful. An easier understanding comes from a ride in the B9 Tribeca.

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Torque (lbs.-ft.)	219 at 4200 rpm
Transmission	5-speed elect. automatic
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When fins were in: Fins were the attraction in a 1960 Cadillac

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Classic Classics

More than 40 years have passed since the rear fenders of any Cadillac had fins, but David Urgo, a freelance video editor and graphic designer for television, remains hooked on them.

His fascination with Cadillac's styling statement started in Utica, N.Y., next door to his grandmother's house. The neighbor lady had a very successful son who bought her a new Cadillac every year. Consequently, every visit to his grandmother was an opportunity to closely examine the latest Cadillac and its fins. Since then, Urgo has collected a handful of tailfin Cadillac memorabilia.

In 1998, while living in Los Angeles, he saw a 1960 Cadillac convertible for sale in Santa Monica. While he was thinking about how to finance the car, it was sold. That was the catalyst that spurred him to acquire the real deal.

The search for a 1960 Cadillac convertible eventually led him to inspect likely candidates in California, Texas, New Jersey, Nevada and Florida. By then, the hunt for the elusive car had consumed three years and Urgo was in the process of moving to Virginia. He found time in October 2001 to inspect a Cadillac in Titusville, Fla.

The owner had purchased the 18-foot, 9-inch-long car 10 years before from a California movie studio. Both the 390-cubic-inch V-8 engine and the automatic transmis-

sion had been rebuilt, with the engine output raised beyond the original 325 horsepower.

Urgo reports that the Cadillac left the factory wearing a blue convertible top over a white body. That color combination has been reversed, with the body now covered an authentic Lucerne blue and the top white. When the top, with its plastic rear window is lowered, the unsightly hinges are hidden from view by a boot secured by 28 snaps. Even the convertible top bows have been repainted to correctly match the body color.

On Nov. 4, 2001, he purchased the 4,850-pound Cadillac convertible, one of 14,000 such models manufactured in 1960. When new, its base price was \$5,455.

Urgo went home to anxiously await the arrival of his new/old car. A few days later he received a telephone call from the embarrassed seller in Florida explaining that when the truck arrived to transport the car the battery in the car was dead.

The car had to be jump-started. Urgo told the seller that if that was the worst of his problems, he would be happy.

When the Cadillac arrived in Alexandria, it indeed, had to be jump-started and, as it was being offloaded, all he could think after all these years was: There is my finned beast.

Every aspect of the Cadillac is enormous. The car rides on a 130-inch wheelbase, and with the graceful fins, Urgo equates the attention he gets while driving to being a rock star. Even the fender skirts are huge at 37 inches in length.



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Urgo has discovered that the restoration of an antique automobile never complete, but instead a work in progress.

Both of the mammoth bumpers have been replaced with lots of chrome. A small door above the rear bumper, cleverly disguised as

part of the trim, conceals the gas filler pipe.

"Every place we go is a car show," Urgo says about the attention given to the car.

The odometer recently rolled over 67,000 miles, which he cannot verify as accurate. He says he re-

cently invested too much money in returning the air conditioner to working order. However, he's sure that when the hot summer months arrive he will be glad that he not only looks cool, but is cool cruising in his Cadillac.

Urgo isn't reluctant to take his

Cadillac on shopping trips because the trunk and back seat swallow the largest items people it's our SUV," he says. "It's the same size as a SUV, but it won't roll over."

Left unsaid is: It's

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1615 Lea Ct - \$516,000
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1625 Oak St - \$400,000
969 Pearl St - \$810,000
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301 Sweet Rd - \$990,000
51 Vista Rd - \$825,000
1423 Willow St - \$620,000

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555 Pierce St 705A - \$408,000
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Big money drives tuner market

BY MICHAEL SAUNDERS
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Of course, there's no real reason to spend \$70,000 turning a refined BMW M3 into a rolling boom box. And upholstering a Corvette with shredded money may show a certain lack of taste.

But car enthusiasts are finding ways to do this — and more — to their vehicles and display them on TV shows such as "Pimp My Ride" and "Overhaulin'." Coast-to-coast car shows are another venue: festivals of big wheels, bikinis and ground-rumbling bass.

The customized cars and trucks at the International Auto Salon, held last month at the Atlantic City Convention Center, are the tip of a marketing push to bring that all-consuming "tuner" lifestyle to every part of the country. It's a lifestyle that generates \$4.1 billion annually.

And there are signs that more of that expanding customer base will likely come from the Northeast. That's why the Specialty Equipment Market Association has held its spring show in Atlantic City for the past two years and this year stopped holding a similar show in Los Angeles.

SEMA is the trade group representing nearly 6,000 companies involved with changing the performance, appearance, or handling of anything on wheels.

The organization has traditionally had a West Coast base, as the California car culture has been the spawning ground of both manufacturers of new products and the early adopters who covet them. The East Coast is still a largely uncharted market, said Peter MacGillivray, a Boston University graduate and Williamson native who is SEMA's vice president of marketing and communication.

"Traditionally, lots of trends — fashion, technology, pop culture — have started on the West Coast and moved east, and that plays a big part in the automotive industry as well," MacGillivray said. "The difference is that it's been accelerated now — it only takes a season or two for things to make the move."

SEMA is a business-to-business organization that has used its annual fall trade show in Las Vegas as the industry showcase for new after-market equipment of all kinds — from fuzzy dice to free-flowing mufflers.

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The Atlantic City show is unique for its broad access; it's the only SEMA show open to the public.

The target market is 16- to 24-year-olds, most of them male, so some attendees paused to pose for photos with "booth babes," the attractive young women hired to wear corporate logos on tight T-shirts. Others preferred to ogle the canary yellow Porsche 997 Carrera in the Michelin booth, a car outfitted with aftermarket go-fast enhancements by RUF.

In the Ford booth, while a model monitored the line of folks waiting to drive a rally car racing simulator, Jay Horan demonstrated how his product, AutoEnginuity, can bring dealer-quality diagnostic software to small repair shops or home mechanics. Ford uses his software to train its mechanics but the basic package can be run on a PC laptop or a personal digital assistant, like a Palm.

It connects with the car's computer via the onboard diagnostics port. Nearly all cars made after 1996 use a standard called ODB II, the second generation of the diagnostic interface. "ODB II allows you to see about 10 to 20 percent of what's actually happening with the vehicle," Horan said in a post-show conversation from his company's home in Mesa, Ariz.

"We can actually get in and see most of the rest. On a Ford there are something like 400 sensors but most ODB II readers will only show you 40. What separates the tools from the toys is the coverage."

The tuner culture is also spurring business for professional mechanics. Boe and Paul Kalinoski are a father-and-son team who run Automotion Saab and Volvo in Billerica.

For the past few years, they've offered customers a chance to install Saab performance upgrades from Swedish tuner Strömquist Racing.

Paul Kalinoski said that Strömquist "is sending us cards that

let us change the performance parameters of the car. Fuel, boost, you name it."

The customer can purchase the card with the level of upgrade that they want and then we can install it into their ECU."

"It's going to be amazing."

It's even possible to perform limited reprogramming directly through the ODB II port, usually located under the dash on the driver's side of the car.

The BSR PPC system can alter performance for Saab, Volvo, BMW, and other models. Cobb's Access-Port tuning for Subarus uses the ODB II port to upload turbocharger boost settings, air and fuel ratios, and fuel-injector pulse signals.

Beginning in 2004, some cars began to use a different interface, CAN, which will become mandatory for all cars beginning in 2008. Some of the latest innovations for CAN will be unveiled at SEMA's fall show in November.

That SEMA trade show usually draws 120,000 trade attendees and workers, 2,000 exhibitors dispersed among more than a million net square feet, with buyers from more than 100 countries.

It's the second-largest annual expo held in Las Vegas, topped only by the Consumer Electronics Show.

In Atlantic City, MacGillivray said, "You get a taste of what the SEMA show is all about."

The exhibitors don't treat it like it's some kind of car show in a parking lot. We want the public there and do that intentionally because this is such a rapidly growing category.

"It's a big challenge, because the youth market, that's very different from the traditional marketplace. It's a different language, a different culture, different values."

"This is the largest population bubble in the history of this country and they'll be driving consumer spending for the next 30 years."

BMW's new 3 series

BY STEVEN COLE SMITH
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

I bring good news about the all-new BMW 3-Series, long accepted as the gold standard of premium compact cars: The

styling is not ugly, and there is no iDrive.

These past few years, BMW's design studio has been taking its

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BMW

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lumps, beginning with the confoundingly homely rear of the 2002 BMW 7-Series. I contend this was an intentional mistake to draw our attention away from the iDrive system introduced in that car.

The iDrive system consists of an aluminum knob about the size of a triple-decker Oreo mounted on the console.

The iDrive is a joystick that controls multiple functions, including the sound system, the navigation system, the phone, the climate — practically everything but the windshield wipers and the cruise control.

Undaunted by criticism, ever-so-stoic BMW rolled out the all-new 5-Series for 2004. Styling was somewhat less controversial than on the 7-Series, and though it had the iDrive system, it was simplified a bit.

And now, for 2006, we get a new version of the BMW bread-and-butter car, the 3-Series. Despite an oddly Hyundai-like rear, styling is unobjectionable, and in certain colors — for instance — the 3-Series is handsome. It's 2.2 inches longer but actually looks smaller.

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And there is no iDrive in sight. With the exception of a tricky — and on one test car, downright balky — cruise-control mechanism, all the switches and buttons and controls can be operated intuitively, without referring to the owner's manual.

That said, it's hard to point out many specific improvements with the 2006 3-Series from the 2005, because there were so few areas left wanting with that car.

Unlike any other manufacturer, BMW has been able to combine relative comfort with a driving experience that at least gives you a taste of a high-performance car, perhaps

not so much blinding acceleration, but a feel for the road that is money, typically unparalleled.

The 2006 BMW 3-Series is currently offered in two models: The 325i and the 330i sedans. Other models, such as a convertible and wagon, will follow.

Both models use a new 3.0-liter inline six-cylinder engine (instead of the more familiar V-6 configuration). In the 325, the engine has 215 horsepower, up from 184 last year. In the 330, it has 255 horsepower, up from 225 in 2005.

Transmissions are a six-speed manual or an optional six-speed automatic. Both work well, but the manual has the typical BMW hair-trigger clutch.

Even the base 325i is loaded. Standard equipment includes air conditioning, cruise control, an AM/FM stereo with CD player, a sunroof and side air bags, but there's unexpected stuff, too.

"Run-flat" tires, which can be driven up to 150 miles after they lose air pressure; electronic stability and traction control, rain-sensing wipers, heated mirrors and steering wheel-mounted controls.

There are other innovations you can't see, such as "brake standby" — if you very quickly take your foot off the accelerator, the brake system

senses that you may be about to make a panic stop and moves the brake pads just a little bit closer to the discs than normal, to lessen the time it takes to engage.

The 330i, which starts at \$36,300, adds more standard features, including leather upholstery, xenon headlights, an upgraded sound system and 17-inch tires and wheels, instead of the 325i's 16-inchers.

Both models are offered with a \$1,600 sport package that gets you still-bigger tires and wheels, plus a stiffer suspension, a leather-covered steering wheel and different front seats. Tack on every available option, and the 330i can top \$50,000.

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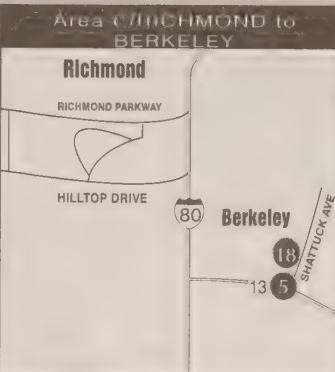
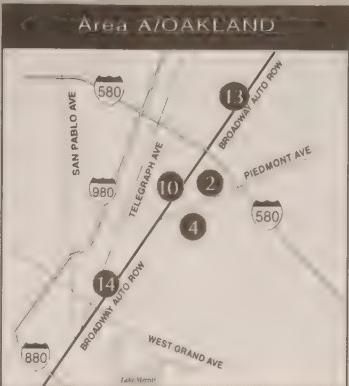
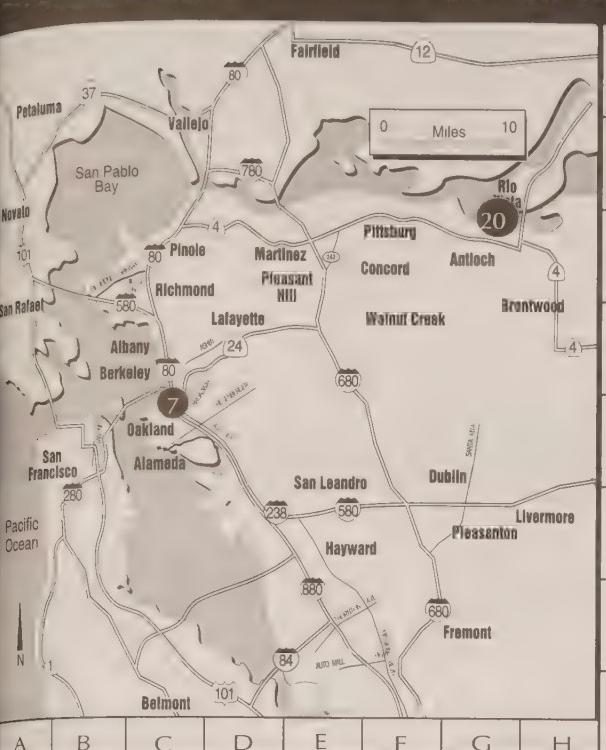
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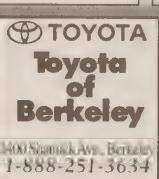
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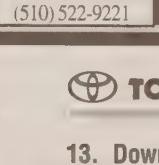
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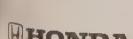
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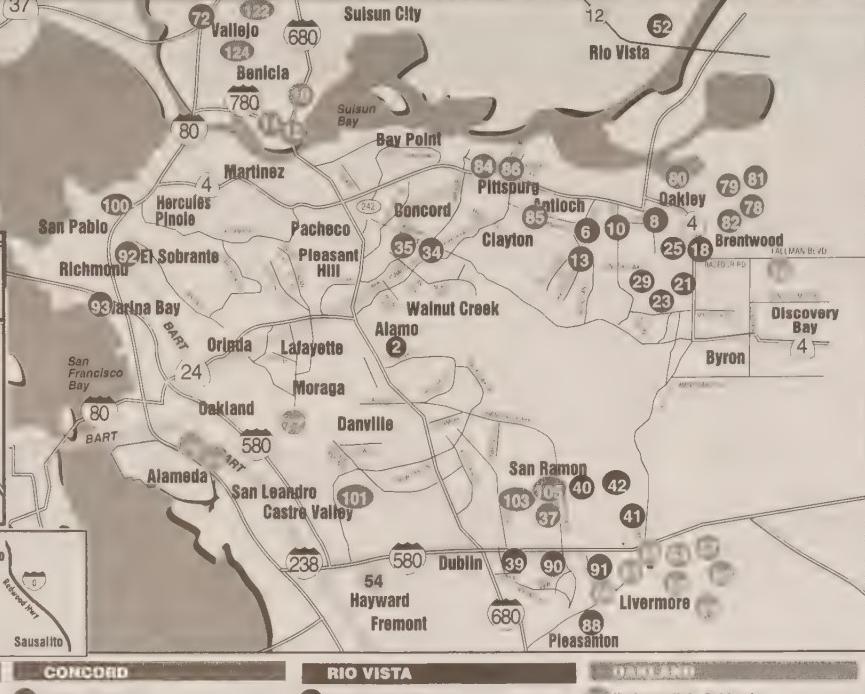
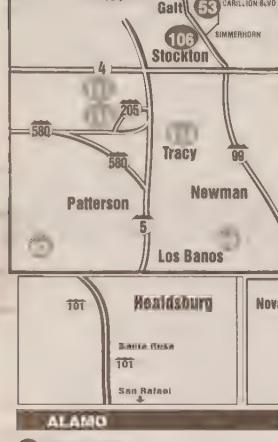
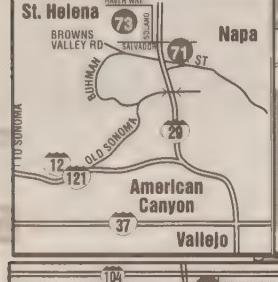
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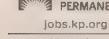
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SPORTS

Friday, February 21, 2003

Section C

Alameda triples its pleasure

■ Hornets drill nine 3-pointers to outlast El Cerrito in an ACCAL matchup

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

Live by the "3" or die by the "3" — and Alameda lived. The Hornets (17-6, 8-2) one-and-a-half games behind the Panthers in the ACCAL, Alameda had three losses to the El Cerrito two. The Panthers still have "no play Berkeley." Alameda was coming off an

ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina
STAFF WRITER

After a week's resounding week round-the-Alameda County basketball, League games, the Oilers (10-10) will face the first opponents tomorrow, in the second round of North Coast Sectionals, at San Leandro.

At the start of the week, the Oilers, from San Leandro, after the

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

excruciating 81-56 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit ragged against El Cerrito, which it beat 57-44 in El Cerrito on Jan. 17. The Gauchos, on the other hand, had trounced Encinal 60-33 on Tuesday, shutting out the Jets 18-0 in the first quarter.

"Personally I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandri said. "I thought we could just as good as we did last night. I thought that [would] happen tonight."

With Calandri hitting in four 3-pointers in the first half, the Hornets had a 20-12 lead at the half against Alameda's Linda Calandri fired in eight of her 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

The game was never far away from El Cerrito in the few moments of the third quarter,

ter Nicole Catania stole the ball from Analiese McGraw, who was near the Alamedans basket and scored for 18-21. The Gauchos turned the ball over immediately after that and Calandri hit another 3-pointer for 44-37. El Cerrito called timeout, but it left in the period and already had turned the ball over four times.

The visitors never got back into it. Alameda extended its lead to 60-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the Gauchos, in their mode game evaporating, were forced to go to the perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our chance on defense," Calandri said about the effort to beat El Cerrito. "If the defense wasn't there, we would have lost to Berkeley. I thought we had bask against Berkeley, we didn't do that tonight."

The key to Calandri's success was ball movement; the Gauchos

simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had time to plant, set up a shot.

"It's a bad job of coaching," El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said. "That's it. I'm serious. Our substitution patterns were wrong and didn't work. Those first few minutes of the third quarter didn't help either."

And when Calandri couldn't do it, she had more than enough help. Catania scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter, and Christine Perricone had all eight of her points in the second half. Kuman Williams' 12 points, including six in the first quarter, were the main reason the visitors battled to a 64-59 win.

Calandri finished with 26 points, to lead all scorers. Marisol Hernandez had 22 points to lead El Cerrito, and Jordan McCormick had 14.

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

BSAL NOTEBOOK

Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

The Salesian High School boys soccer team had two Bay Area Athletic League matches judged to be "no matches," and they may have cost the Chieftains a North Coast Sectional berth.

Salesian finished the league season with a 9-4-3 record, fifth in the BSAL. Two victories in the canceled matches might have

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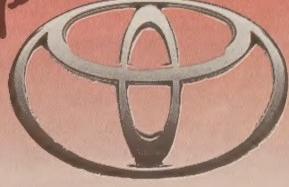
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